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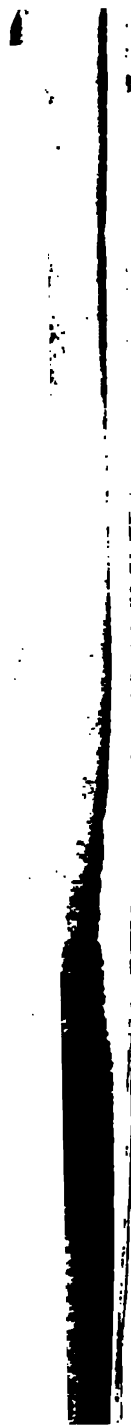


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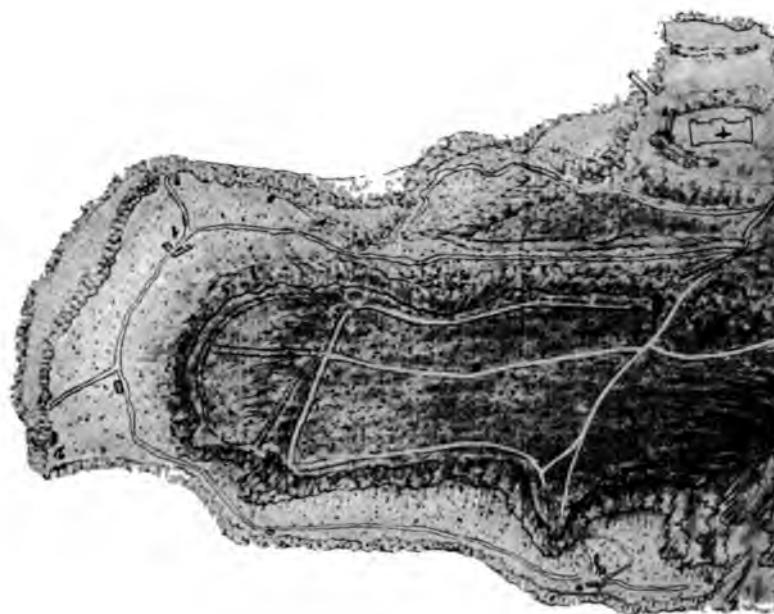
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Introductory Chapter.

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The manuscript and drawings of this diary came into the possession of the Garrison Library of Gibraltar in the year 1886, by the gift of Mr. George S. Carr, of Bradford, Yorkshire, and have never hitherto been published, with the exception of a few extracts which were printed in the *Gibraltar Chronicle*, and in a Service periodical, some years ago.

Of the Author, biographical details are unfortunately of the most meagre description. That he was promoted Captain in the 12th Regt. of Foot on March 22nd, 1777, retired on half-pay, still a Captain, in 1795, and died in 1838, we can gather from the Army List, while from the Garrison Orders it is clear that he took part in the great sortie of November 27th, 1781. The only record of his own doings, contained in his four years' diary, is that of his little expedition to the Spanish lines after the siege, a holiday which he employed in examining, measuring, and recording the materials, and methods of construction, of the Spanish works. The only other personal reference is in the little drawing entitled "Officer's hut, mine," and in that instance it can be seen in the original that the addition of the word "mine" was an afterthought at some later date. That he was methodical, careful, and interested in his profession, is clear, both from the diary now published, and from the manuscript notes which accompany it, but are not strictly relevant to the siege; these notes include measurements and angles taken between all the principal points in Gibraltar and the neighbouring country, notes on architectural subjects, and plans for quarters and magazines; there is also a detailed list of the armament of Gibraltar shortly before the siege, which has been added to this Journal in an Appendix.

Here all certainty with regard to him comes to an end.

It would seem probable, from the great care and method employed in the tabulation and arrangement of the manuscript and drawings, that the author entertained the idea of publishing them. Possibly he was deterred from venturing upon publication by the appearance of Captain Drinkwater's famous History of the Siege, but there are indications which might lead to the idea that he gave Captain Drinkwater access to his materials for the checking and correction of his own, by some arrangement. In the matter of numbers and prices, some of which can be only estimates, there is a remarkable amount of agreement between the two books, and there is also a very noticeable coincidence that Drinkwater's History was printed by T. Spilsbury, of Snow Hill; Spilsbury is a very uncommon name, and the surname of one diarist of the siege, appearing as that of the printer of the other's history, would lead one to suspect the possibility of a connection. To these might possibly be added the fact that one Thomas Spilsbury of the printing firm, died in 1795, which was the year in which Captain Spilsbury retired from the Army.

Putting these facts together it is easy to weave a theory, by which it would appear that Captain Spilsbury arranged with Captain Drinkwater to give him the opportunity of checking, or supplementing, his own notes from his diary, on the understanding that his father's firm had the printing of the History; and that on his father's death he retired. But this is too airy a fabric to be much more than the stuff of which dreams are made.

Captain Spilsbury retired from the Army as a Captain, having held that rank for 18 years, and not having even then reached the top of the list.

The Coat of Arms and motto impressed upon the binding and title-page of this book are those to which he lays claim in his notes; the arms agree with those given in Burke's General Armory as those of Spilsburie of Hustolbury near Worcester, and the Author describes them as being one of the quarterings of the then Earl of Litchfield.

In the editing of his work the only liberties which have been taken with the original text are, that when the author's spelling of a word varies in different portions of the diary, that form has as a rule been adopted throughout, to which the eye of the modern reader is more accustomed, and that in one or two instances a name has been left in blank.

Notes have been added which are strictly confined to explanation and elucidation of events recorded in the diary, and the supplying of the names of officers concerned where possible, and of interest. So far as is known, no even approximately complete list of the officers present has hitherto been published, and opportunity has been taken therefore to record such as can be ascertained, in an Appendix. It should however be observed that, in the cases of the Line Regiments, there must be many cases in which officers appointed during the siege may have been unable to join their regiments, although a few might do so, and the lists have therefore been confined to the Army Lists of the period, supplemented by the Garrison Orders, and so cannot be regarded as complete. In the Hanoverian Regiments also, the only source of information obtainable has been the Garrison Orders, which must naturally leave many officers unmentioned.

With these exceptions the author and his readers are left to make their mutual acquaintance without interference, with the hope that the "Fides et Constantia" with which he made his record of pen and brush through four long years of siege, may be rewarded at length by some small meed of posthumous reputation.

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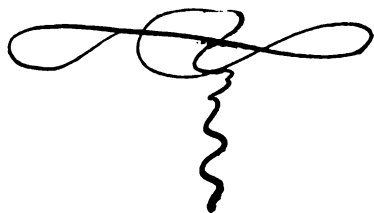
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This Journal was kept by —
Captain J^{ts} Spilsbury 12th Regt Foot
who remained in Gibraltar from
2^d March 1776 to 10th Nov^r.

— 1783 —



A. M. — the Morning — P. M. — Afternoon —
One Dollar is 8 Reals — One Real 16 Quarts
A Pintole 50.5 R — A Cob 12 Reals
A Doubloon 220. & half —
The Dollar at 42 pence Sterling makes
the Real worth 5¹/₄ pence —

Facsimile from the Journal.

A Journal of the Blockade and Siege of Gibraltar,

*Commencing the 21st June, 1779, and ending
the 3rd February, 1783.*

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1779

JUNE.

21st. This day the communication shut with Spain, the guards are reinforced, and Grand Battery made a Captain's Night Guard. The picquets are ordered to be accoutred with their arms loaded. No one to pass at Land Port but workmen, engineers, &c., and in case of an alarm the Town Regiments to line the walls of the Town, and those of the Southward to form on their parades. The heaps of sand on the Isthmus to be levelled by the Jews and Genoese of the Garrison, and no one to remain in the Garrison but those who have property, or will assist in defending it. Most of the men off duty employed repairing, &c., the works.

23rd. The Main Guard made a Captain's Guard instead of Grand Battery.

JULY.

3rd. Four men from each Battalion Company of the 12th, 39th, 56th, and 58th Regiments and six from the 72nd are attached to the Artillery.

5th. The picquets not to remain loaded but to turn out at gun-firing, fix up their arms in the front of their barracks, and to take off their accoutrements at troop-beating.

11th. Wind easterly. A Spanish convoy of small craft coming down, the three cutters and *Childers*¹ got among them and took about a dozen settees.² The Spaniards' xebecks³ of war fired several shot, as did the cutter, *Childers*, and Europa Batteries, but no harm done; the Admiral⁴ in the *Panther*,⁵ and the *Enterprize*⁶ went out.

1. A sloop of war stationed at Gibraltar.

2. Settee. See illustration.

3. Xebeck. See illustration.

4. Admiral Duff.

5. A 60 gun ship. Captain Harvey, captain.

6. A frigate. Sir Thomas Rich, Bart., captain.

1779

JULY.

12th. —A.M. The *Panther*, &c., returned.

17th. Waterport a Captain's Night Guard.

19th. The butchers ordered to kill only a certain quantity of meat, but they proving that the rest of the cattle would starve, and that they could not afford to buy more, unless allowed to kill them as they could get them, the order was taken off.

21st. The Guards to mount without powder in their hair.

22nd. Two soldiers under sentence of death forgiven.

25th. The Dons marking out an encampment on the common.

26th. The encampment pitching. No horses or mules to remain in the Garrison after the next Saturday, whose owners have not one thousand weight of straw or forage, &c., except for those Staff or Field Officers who have absolute occasion for them.

27th. All dogs going loose to be killed. A brass sea-mortar and several iron ones of different diameters planted on the Batteries at Willis'.

29th. The Old Mole cleared of vessels, &c. A.M. A Swedish frigate arrived, she was stopped by some of the Dons' cruizers and desired to keep out, but she persisting they fired a shot at her which she returned. The addition to the Staff ordered to-day, but to take place from the 25th of last month. The *Panther* employed getting her stores on shore and lodging them in the Navy Hospital, also the moveable ones from the Navy Yard. The additional gunners to receive pay equal to the Mattross¹ from the 26th instant. The men's firelocks to be made perfectly fit for service.

30th. Wind westerly. A.M. The Swedish frigate sailed to the eastward, and two Spanish frigates followed her, and severe firing heard in the afternoon.

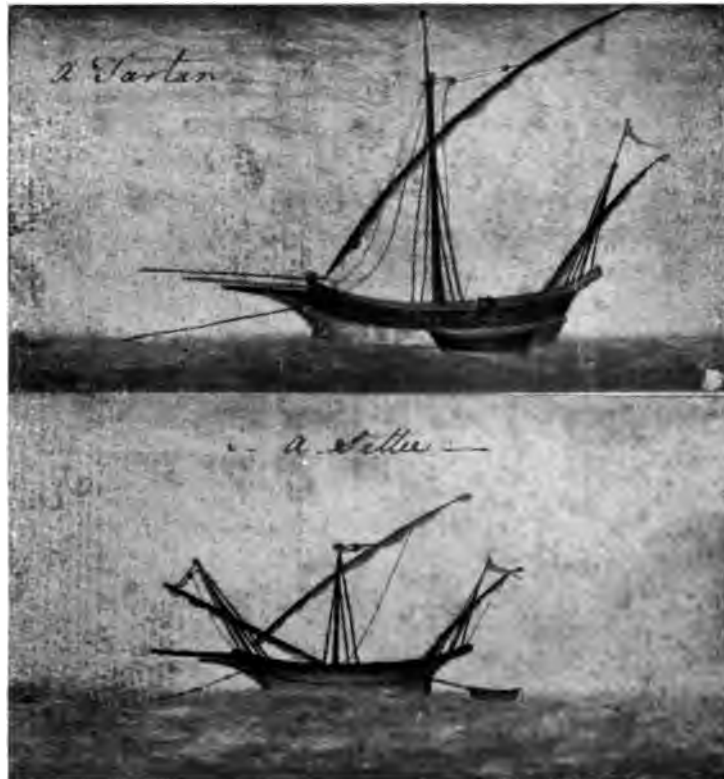
31st. Ensign —, 58th Regiment, to be tried for behaving unbecoming a gentleman at playing with Dice, &c.

AUGUST.

1st. The Dons busy in landing stores at the Orange Grove. Their fleet consists of two 70's, two frigates, two or three xebecs and many gallies.

2nd. Wind easterly. Arrived two Dutch ships laden brimstone, rice, and currants, which were bought for the Garrison.

1. Mattross—An assistant to the gunner.



A XEBECK.



(Author's descriptions to the two above, the lower illustration being taken from Falconer's Marine Dictionary)

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AUGUST.

3rd. The Dons enlarged their camp. One 65th tried for desertion.

5th. People employed making three Batteries, one above Willis' and two below it, also in making an encamp ground for about 600 men just above the Devil's Gap where a mortar is planted, and in making Bomb Proofs in the Wax Yard.¹ Arrived a Venetian ship from the eastward laden currants. Also a vessel with 44 bullocks, sheep, fowls, &c., from Barbary.

7th. Their camp increased a Regiment, and about 30 cannon, &c., seen from the Midshipman's Look Out. Their cruizers move about, one was fired at from the advance. Embrasures made to most of our Barbet Batteries. Europa Point strengthened by 10 embrasures

10th. Their camp still encreasing. Arrived a Dutch ship from eastward, laden cotton. The King's Line pallisading and other works going on. The Marksmen collected, one from each Battalion Compy., commanded by Lieut. Burleigh, 39th, and practice in two squads, one of them daily.

11th. A privateer's boat of this place deserted to the Dons.

13th. Wind easterly. A.M. Sailed the above Dutch ship and is detained by the Dons. The Batteries fired five shots at the gallies towing off a Dutch vessel coming in here.

16th. Learnt that the Marquis de Torre Mansanarse² commands at St. Rock.³ The *Panther's* people employed making a Battery in the Navy Yard⁴ for her lower deck guns. People fired small musquet cartridges against large ones and found but little difference. The Dons' cruizers very alert.

17th. The Dons attempted last night to cut some of our small vessels from their anchors, at the back of the Old Mole, but failed.

19th. Last night a man came from Spain in a large boat by himself and brought fruit, &c., to exchange for tobacco.

22nd. One 72nd to be tried for sleeping on his post. A convoy of small craft arrived to the Dons. Three shots fired from Europa at two xebecks. The camp encreased.

1. There were two Wax Yards; one where Gavino's Place now is, to the south of the R.E. Mess, and one where the Garrison Library now stands. The meaning of the title is obscure.

2. Evidently the Marques de Torre Manzandel, who however only ranked as a brigadier under the Spanish commander-in-chief.

3. San Roque.

4. Where Casemates Square now is.

1779 AUGUST.

25th. Experiments—two red hot shot and an oblong carcass fired at a vessel at 500 yards. The shot went through but the carcass set her on fire. Exchange 40 pence per Dollar. Last night arrived a packet from Faro.¹

29th. Their camp encamping. Our marksmen make very good practice. Few or no bullocks in the Garrison. Our men-of-war boats go out now and then, but are always either too soon or too late, and the other vessels are kept constantly at anchor, so that the enemies' vessels come almost close to our walls. The Admiral continues to live on shore. A Spanish fishing boat and five men brought in here.

30th. The *Childers* chased a galley. Men taught to throw hand grenades. Camp encamping, and carts employed unloading stones behind Fort Phillip.

SEPTEMBER.

3rd. Wind westerly and cold. Nine battalions, about seven thousand men, are thought to be now in camp. The Officers' Messes in town chiefly broke up. One of the 12th punished for sleeping on his post.

4th. Wind the same. Last night arrived a felucha² from Faro with dispatches, sheep, fowls, &c. Repairing the battery at the Old Mole, raising the parapets, and making a wooden banquet³ to the wall at the back of the mole. A boom put across from the Head⁴ to Land Port, the Boat-house pulled down, and traverses building along the Line Wall, &c. Another Battalion came to camp. The wall on the back of Ragged Staff pulling down, and the steps up to the covered way.

5th. A gun fired at one of Hardenburg's Regiment deserting from the working party at the Devil's Tower. The Dons are enlarging their covered way behind Fort Phillip. Don Alvaries⁵ commands in camp. The Jews were praying on their burial ground for a delivery from the Spaniards, and had centries from one of the guards.

1. Faro in the south of Portugal.

2. Felucha—a one-masted boat with lateen sail.

3. Banquet for "banquette" a step on the rampart for soldiers to stand upon in order to fire over the top.

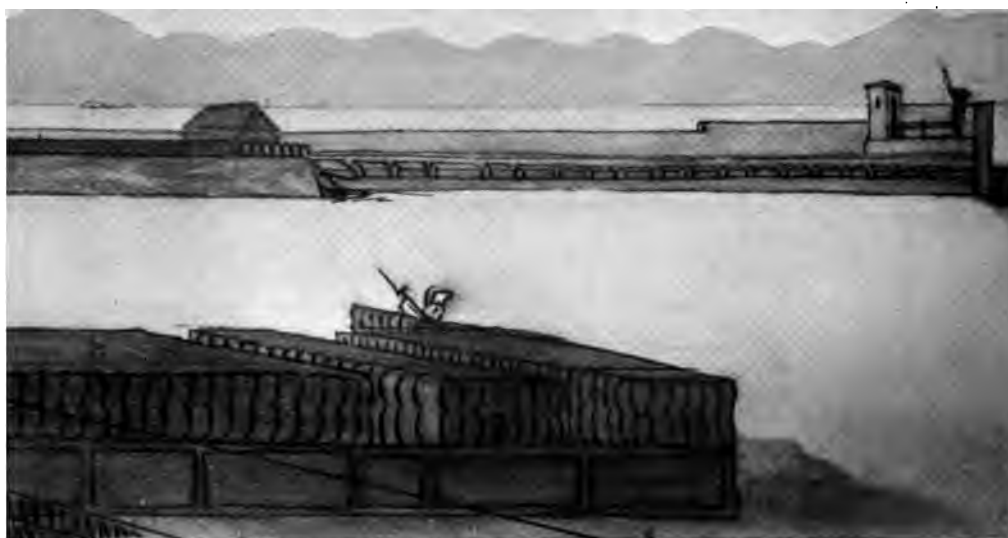
4. Old Mole Head.

5. Don Martin Alvarez de Sotomayor.



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MOLE.

SEPTEMBER.

1779

6th. A.M. Sailed a Moorish galley¹ of 12 guns, the communication with Barbary being that she was repaired in the New Mole, as a present to the Emperor. Also arrived a half galley from Barbary that had been to the Spanish Admiral, to acquaint him that the Emperor would make reprisals, if he prevented the above galley from returning. She brought back Consul Logie.²

7th. Europa fired two shots at a xebeck. Sailed the half galley and was detained by the Dons.

8th. Wind easterly and rainy weather. Last night thunder and lightning. The South Bastion fired two blue fire-balls, and the *Enterprise* hung some over her stern, and a rocket that gave great light.

12th. Sunday. Green's Lodgment being finished, which is about 900 feet above the level of the Isthmus. Willis', &c., began firing on the Spanish Lines about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 a.m., and made very bad practice. The Dons had several working-parties there, and had last night thrown up a fascine battery to the eastward of their common entrance. The Jews' boat brought in a Dutch Dogger, from Amsterdam to Malaga, laden wheat, cheese, &c., which is bought for the Garrison. One of the Artillery is bruised getting a gun up to Willis', and a brass gun melted. The Devil's Tower Guard called in before the firing.

13th. Wind easterly. A Captain, three Subs and 52 men, &c., Artillery, mount at Willis' by day, only two Subs by night. Firing as usual. The inhabitants are leaving the North end of the town.

14th. Wind westerly. The batteries fire as usual, they hit the Forts Phillip and Barbara, &c., frequently, but do them little damage, nor are they likely to be knocked down; so much the boast of the Artillery. Shells are fired with short fuses and burst in the air over their workmen.³ Many of them, old ones, burst as they leave the mortar. Bayside and Forbes' guards strengthened just before sunset.

15th. The pavement of the streets plowing up,⁴ the plow drawn by 80 men. Steeples, towers, and all objects that might serve for marks pulled down.

1. See illustration.

2. Consul Logie was the British Consul at Tangier.

3. The invention of Captain Mercier of the 39th Regt.

4. To prevent ricochets, and minimize the damage which would be done by shells falling there.

1779 SEPTEMBER.

16th. Wind easterly and foggy weather. Firing as usual, but the quantity of powder lessened. Two shells from the sea-mortar at Willis' fired with 33 lb. of powder burst in and leaving the mortar, but one with 28 lb. of powder fell and burst about half way between Fort Phillip and their encampment, about 3500 yards. 24-pounders mounted at Green's Lodge.

17th. Wind the same. Arrived a Venetian, laden dry fruit.

18th. Firing as usual. About 9 p.m. an Aurora Borealis appeared over their encampment.

25th. Wind westerly. A Captain and two Subs now only at Willis'. Firing not so much. The Dons have raised the crest of their glacis three or four feet, in three different places, near to Sallee Ports in their Lines. It seems that the Jew boat got 50 £ for bringing in the above Dutch Dogger. Exchange 42 pence per dollar. Fresh provisions dear. A duck and small plum-pudding cost seven shillings sterling. The shells found to be honeycombed in general, and dangerous to be fired, bursting in the mortar, &c.; they have been a long time in the Garrison.

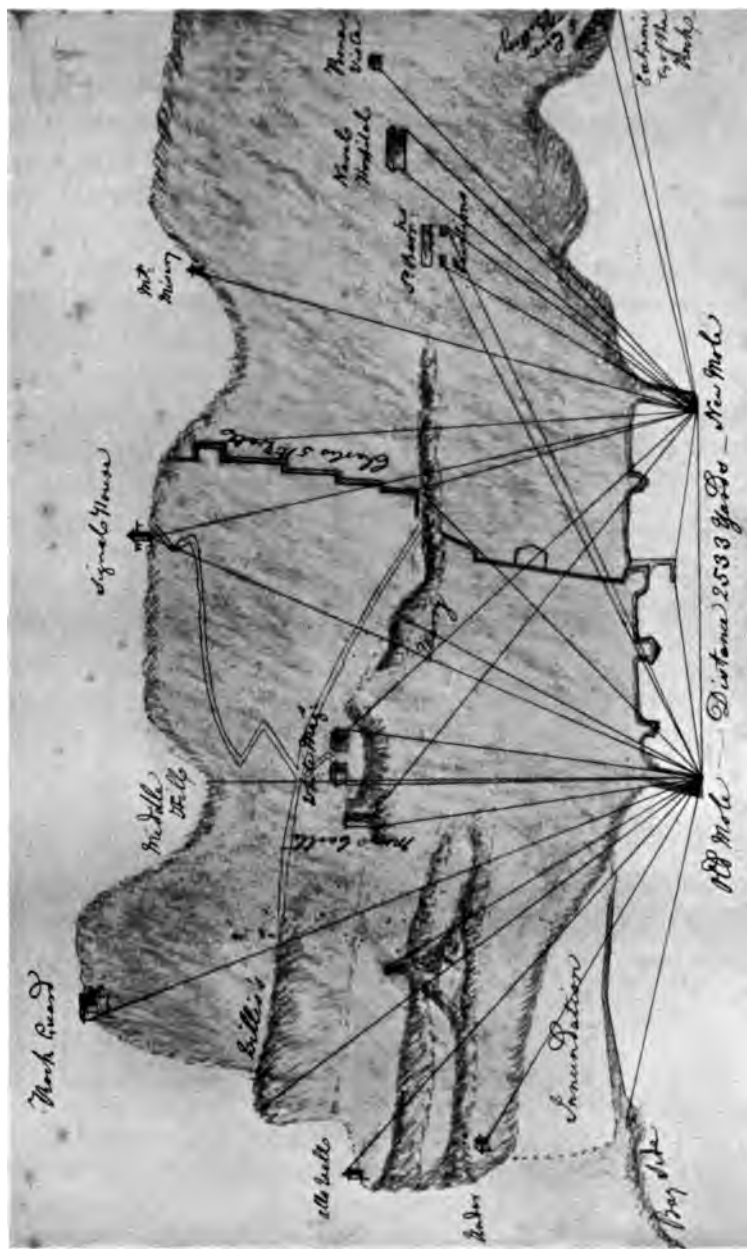
27th. Wind the same. The Dons took a Swede, and saluted their Admiral. Twelve shots fired from Europa advance at a galley, that chased the cutter of the *Euterprize*, that went out in chase of a boat. The galley fired grape that fell all about her, but did no harm. She attends the boat that goes for thorns, &c., to the back of the Rock, to make fascines. One 72nd deserted from the Devil's Tower working party, and was fired at by Willis'.

28th. Wind the same and cool weather. A General Court Martial to try one 58th for sleeping on his post. The Dons have raised a parapet from Fort Phillip to the Corporals' Guard, and, from thence, seem to cover themselves toward their laboratory tents, at the foot of the Queen of Spain's Chair, so carefully do they act on all occasions. They have erected a stage at the Orange Grove for landing their stores. Mortars seen there. New Jerusalem, on a piece of a ground above the South Barracks, laid out for the Jews to build on, goes on fast.

30th. Wind the same, some rain. The clock taken down, and the church steeple and bells lowering. The Officers of the Artillery receive double pay.

OCTOBER.

2nd. Wind the same, cloudy weather. Colds frequent. The Officers' Guard at the Navy Hospital removed to Rosia.



**Combined View and Plan of Gibraltar from the West.
North End.**





OCTOBER.

1779

3rd. Wind easterly, rainy weather. It seems one 58th was overheard saying that if the Spaniards came, damn him that would not join them; the Governor said he must be mad and ordered his head to be shaved, to be blistered, bled, and sent to the Provost on bread and water, wear a tight waistcoat, and to be prayed for in church. All men drunk on duty are sent to the Provost, and kept on bread and water.

5th. Little wind and much rain. One 58th deserted from the guard at Middle Hill, and was found dead.

6th. Wind and weather the same. Road making to the Rock Guard. Failed in getting a 24-pounder up by ropes. Nothing to be seen offensive in the Spanish lines, except some traverses of fascines, and a covered way from the entrance towards their encampment. The Moorish Castle reviewed, intending to put 200 men in bomb-proof barracks there.

9th. Wind easterly. The Dons at work removing fascines, and striving to cover themselves. Firing as usual, chiefly shells. Now and then hit the Forts. Seven mortars seen in camp. The boats and *Childers* sent after two settees in the middle of the Bay. They boarded them but were obliged to quit them, though in tow. The gun is got up to the Rock Guard.

12th. Wind the same. Sailed last night the Venetian, and two settees for Barbary. One was taken.

13th. Wind the same. A French Rear-Admiral, three of the line and a frigate gone through. The Field Officers of the Southward ordered to stay at Europa all night. The Spanish cruizers very diligent. The Rock Gun is fired.

14th. Wind the same. A Captain and one Sub mount now at Willis' and fire seldom, as few of the Dons appear now in their lines. A battery is built near the camp. The sailor's battery in the Navy Yard is watched, to keep people from walking on the platforms, which, being made of clay, sink in when wet very deep; the engineer, late master of the Adl.¹ has a cob a day for making it.

15th. Wind westerly, and rain. Captain —, 56th, in arrest for allowing a servant to pass at Land Port without a pass, who deserted, and was fired at by Willis'. Charged seven shillings sterling for dinner of salt beef and a little bit of fish and pudding.

1. For "Admiral" meaning the Flagship.

1779 OCTOBER.

20th. Wind easterly. Arrived a Venetian, laden fruit, &c.; the Dons fired several shots at her.

4th November.¹ The Dons have opened three batteries in the lines, two of 14 guns, and one of 7, and have raised their parapet very high in several places. An Officer and 40 men to join the Lines Guard. The guns at All's Well fired several times, and otherwise much firing.

22nd October. Wind easterly. A convoy to the Dons. A 9-pounder iron gun split at Willis'. One of the King's workmen in the Civil List discharged. The overseeing officers to make a prize of no more wood from the works. A ten-inch howitzer was fired, and found to carry as far with about 5 lbs. of powder, as a 13-inch mortar that requires 9 or 10.

23rd. Wind the same, and hot weather. Arrived a Spanish settee laden with rice, and taken by Anderson's² privateer off Cape de Gatte.³ It seems the Dons are not to mention their fleet, on pain of death, in time of war.

26th. Wind the same. The Admiral and Garrison fired about 30 shots at a galley, that stood for a long time along shore, and was taken for a bullock boat. Exchange 42 pence per dollar, and the gold collected by the inhabitants. Very little bread now in the Town bake-houses. The Navy pick the fish-boats, and spoil the market. Four sailors deserted, and supposed to have told the Dons of our intention to cut out their frigate, that has lain for some time by herself at Cabereta point,⁴ as she has not been there since.

27th. Wind the same, much thunder and lightning. The Dutchman gone out of the Mole, and 150 women have taken their passage for Malaga. Rice sold at 21 dollars 6 reals per cwt., raised five times the usual price. Little fresh meat now. Geese at a guinea each, and ducks at 2 dollars, pork 5 reals per lb. Another battalion came to camp. The prisoners say they have about 30,000 men in and about this country. Traverses are building up the Main Street, and up to Willis' along the road.

29th. Wind easterly, and has been so chiefly, these two years past. The above howitzer, at 39 degrees elevation, throws to Fort Barbara with only 2 lb. 10 oz. of powder, is of a new construction, few only of them are in the Garrison.

1. This entry is inserted in this place in the original, with the date as printed: Drinkwater mentions the opening of these batteries on the morning of October 20th.

2. A privateer belonging to Mr. Anderson, a merchant.

3. Cape De Gata, near Almeria.

4. Cabrita Point, opposite Europa.



Buena Vista from the Devil's Bowling Green. (Author's description)



Gibraltar as it appears about 3 miles off on the Eastern shore, in an Easterly wind.
(Author's description)

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OCTOBER.

30th. Wind the same. A.M. A privateer, a ship called the *Peace and Plenty*, 18 six-pounders, of Belfast, McKenzie, master, 8 days from Minorca, stood for this place, but being attacked by one of the xebecs, and much frightened, got aground near the Devil's Tower, towards the Eastern Fort,¹ which fired a great deal at her, and hulled her several times; the crew left her, the boatswain, who died soon after, lost his thigh, and two others wounded. The Grenadier Company of the 12th Regt., and Light Company 72nd, ordered to Town, and all those who have not had the small-pox, which is broke out in Town, to go to Southward and do no duty but there. A Captain and two Subs Hanoverians to go to Windmill Hill. Europa fired 12 shots at the xebecs, who behaved extremely well.

NOVEMBER.

1st. Wind west, and very fine weather. Last night the privateer was set on fire, and to-day burnt down to the water's edge; the crew attempted to get on board and save what they could, but Fort Barbara kept up such a fire that they thought proper to desist. No one to go on the batteries that fire, nor interrupt the artillery. A survey made of the provisions in the Garrison, and found there is 8 months beef and pork, 9 months bread and wheat, with the rest in proportion, butter and coals excepted. Wheat not so good as flour or convenient, for, if laid in a heap above 4 feet high, it heats and spoils. A windmill is building near the hospital. A battery making on the top of the Rock to defend the back.

3rd. Wind easterly, and cloudy weather. Last night sailed the Venetian. New batteries constructing, and the place putting in the greatest state of defence.

4th. Wind the same. This being gala day in Spain, or their Saint's day, it was supposed they meant to fire on the Town, but now, that they will not fire at all.

5th. Wind the same, weather summer heat. The road finished to the Rock Gun, and a battery for three guns on traversing platforms, called Superior Battery. A Moorish building, where the gibbet stood, making an observatory for the Governor. The Artillery have not fired these 48 hours, and are now not to fire till they see something to fire at. The covered way at Water Port is pallisading like sheep pens, and the crest of the glacis before the guard house raising like the rest with casks. One shot fired at the seven gun Battery.

¹ Sta. Barbara.

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7th. Wind the same, fine weather. Nineteen shillings given for a pig's head. The Governor does not care how dear things are, but he has left off treating with hock and claret. Traversing platforms seem to be quite in vogue.

8th. Wind westerly, and cool. Fowls two dollars, about seven shillings, each. Method of reporting for repair of quarters to the Chief Engineer altered. So no more partiality.

9th. Wind easterly. Another General Court Martial about Colonel Ross and General Boyd, to the no small amusement of the Garrison. The Governor seems desirous to have as many gardens made as possible. He has tried what a man can subsist on, and lived himself for 8 days on 4 ozs. of rice per day, so that, without a supply, we are like to know within a grain or two what we are able to do. Some of his horses are in bad trim, and wear no shoes; he files their feet.

10th. Wind the same, with rain. A French convoy gone through. Fired several shot from Willis'. The Levant Battery finished and a very good one. The men-of-war's log book remarks only 90 days westerly wind in this year, 1779.

12th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. The Dons have saluted, and the whole camp are under arms. Last night came in two deserters from the Walloon Guards; they are kept secret. A 50 gun ship came in to them. An embrasure made in the first traverse, King's Lines. It seems the Governor has bought up all the hair powder, and eats the puddings made of it. Veal sells at 2 guineas per quarter.

14th. Sunday. Wind the same. Seven ships in sight, the Spanish Admiral and his whole squadron under sail. A battalion left the camp. A.M. Arrived the *Buck*, cutter, privateer, Captain Fagg, 24 nine-pounders, 130 odd men, two months from England, wants biscuits, and did not know the place was blockaded; the whole squadron, a 70, 50, a frigate, 3 xebecs, and gallies, in all about 17, chased him, but a strong current set them all to leeward, and the cutter came in between the Admiral and the 50 gun ship, being fired at by both, and returning it; she had one shot through her boat. Europa struck the 50 gun ship two or three times, and made her cease firing; she behaved very ill. Our Admiral unloosed topsails, but did not unmoor.

15th. Wind the same. It seems a council of war was held among the Navy, and it was agreed to go over to Algazeras, and attack two Spanish frigates that came in last night, and ride by themselves. But nothing was done, but alleged that — is bribed.

NOVEMBER.

16th. Wind the same. The Dons gone into Ceuta, not being able to get back to Algazeras. A Swede for this place taken.

18th. Wind the same, fresh gales and rain. The Gut quite open. Great discontent about the Admiral. Veal 4 shillings per lb. A battery of 3 guns making on the Merchants' Walk at Water Port. Talk of scaling ladders in the camp.

19th. Wind the same, and rain. More people gone from camp. Captain — Artillery, in arrest, being drunk going on the batteries.

20th. Wind the same, cold. Arrived a settee from Barbary with bullocks, etc. A Swede taken coming here. No repairs allowed to quarters. Several bullocks drowned getting on shore.

21st. Wind the same, and rain. Great scarcity of coals. Captain — released, but to go home and do no more duty here. A midshipman at Europa to make signals; the men-of-war ordered to unmoor every morning. The bullocks are nearly starved. Arrived a boat, with a packet sent from Lisbon to Mogador by the *Fortune*.¹

25th. Wind and weather the same. Floating batteries talked of.

26th. Fine weather. Our fleet supposed to be gone past in the last squally weather.

27th. Weather the same. The Spanish Admiral and part of his squadron returned. Major — reprimanded for getting in liquor on duty. The gardeners continue to work on the neutral ground, and inform the Dons of anything new in the Garrison.

28th. Wind the same, and squally weather. The newspapers left at the Main Guard. Two 39th and one 72nd deserted. Last night came in a deserter, Walloon Guards. Mr. Boyd, carpenter, constructed a gin with which two men can mount a gun. He tried a machine for pointing a gun, but it did not answer. Captain M — ,² 56th, had a dispute with a Hanoverian volunteer.

DECEMBER.

1st. Wednesday, weather the same. Last night three more deserters came in, one by daylight, and were pursued by three of the Cavalry. Willis' fired. Some of the Artillery so careless as to make use of the magazine as a guard-room.

1. Sloop of war, Captain Squires.

2. Apparently Captain Millerd.

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2nd. Weather the same. A Genoese polacre¹ from Algazeras brought in by our boats; she is empty. Four of the deserters sent to the 12th Regiment. The Jews' row-boat decked. A mule in the works strayed to the Spanish Lines. Six or seven enemies' armed boats hovered off Europa, and were fired at. A horse and a mule, being loose on the hill, were shot by the Provost. Dogs destroyed.

4th. Weather the same. A Parley, and the mule² sent back.

6th. Wind easterly. A convoy of small craft expected. The cutter's boat went out at night, but did not succeed. A boat came near Europa point, and shewed a light, on hailing she went off. Last night the Spanish patrols came into the gardens, shewing lights; they were fired at. A General Court Martial to try one of the 12th for sleeping on his post, and one 58th for robbing a wine man. A Spaniard hanging in camp. Veal 10 reals and mutton 8 or 9 per lb. Four doubloons paid for an old sow, to kill.

8th. Wind westerly and cold. The Dons salute and have dressed their Admiral.³ At 2 p.m. came in a deserter, followed to the gardens by two dragoons who, he says, may have killed another. Willis' fired without effect. The deserters agree they are almost starved in camp, and that numbers desert up the country.

9th. Wind and weather the same. The Spanish Admiral fired three times, 21 guns. Fort Phillip fired three shots at our fishing-boats, and Willis' fired shot and shell at them.

11th. Wind the same. Tried if a shell would go further from a height or upon a level, which proved in the former. It was thought that a shell went straight forward from the piece, to the end of the progressive force, and then fell perpendicularly down.⁴

12th. Wind the same, cold weather. Four or five shells from a 24-pounder were thrown to the entrance of the Spanish Lines at a working party.

14th. Wind the same, hot weather. Last night sailed the Genoese. Bread very scarce. A.M. A deserter killed, and hanged by them; a dragoon in pursuit of him, was knocked off his horse by one of our guns, and lay some time, but

1. "Polacre," a three-masted ship, generally with square sails on the main-mast, and lateen sails on the fore and mizzen-mast. Some had square sails on all the masts.

2. The mule belonged to Colonel Green, Chief Engineer.

3. Flag-ship.

4. Artillery Officers of the present day repudiate the suggestion that this was the state of knowledge in the Corps at that period. Possibly Captain Spilsbury misunderstood the object of the experiment.

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afterwards got up and walked away. Last night two of General La Motte's regiment deserted from Windmill Hill, and in the morning a boat was sent to the back of the Rock, but found no one. Robbery frequent, patrols and centries in the streets. Captain V——¹ robbed of 150 cobs while at dinner. Another hanged in their camp.

15th. Wind easterly, and mild weather. Saw a man hanging in camp.

18th. Wind westerly, and rain. A xebeck came near, and was fired at by the Admiral and other vessels, and the batteries. The *Buck* gone out of the Mole.² It seems the Governor went on board, and gave 3 doubloons to the crew. All the Garrison was very civil to the Captain of her, for his gallant method of coming in. Dogs to be killed again.

19th. Wind the same, fine weather. The Dons exercised small arms, and fired a good deal. Vessels not to be fired at unless within the distance of 6 degrees elevation.

21st. Wind the same, and fresh. Last night sailed the cutter for aloft.³ A soldier's wife and 3 children almost starved.

22nd. Wind the same, hard rain, thunder and lightning.

24th. Wind the same, fresh, rainy and cold weather.

25th. Wind the same, moderate, and cold weather. The inhabitants suffer much. The boom at Water Port broke in two places.

28th. Wind the same, very hard rain the last two nights, which has brought above five tons of wood from the Spaniards, a great blessing for the poor inhabitants, who are allowed to gather for themselves. Yesterday Fort Phillip fired 4 shot at some fishermen gathering the wood, and a 26-pounder into Prince's Lines. Many bets lost, as it was thought they would not fire at the place. Came in three more deserters Walloon Guards last night, and arrived the packet boat that went some time ago to Barbary, and brought 42 goats, 8 dozen fowls, &c. One 58th and one Hardenburg's deserted.

30th. Fine and warm weather. Some of the goats sold for 13 cobs.

1. Vaughan or Vallotton.

2. She was sunk on this voyage by a French frigate.

3. *i.e.*, to the eastward.

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JANUARY.

1st. Saturday. Dull weather, but warm. Wind easterly. Last night sailed one of the armed ships for Ireland. The man of Hardenburg's found behind the hospital. Willis' fired several shot at working parties in the Spanish Lines.

3rd. Wind the same, fresh, and rainy weather. Last night sailed a settee for Barbary.

4th. Fine weather. The sloop *Fortune*, 10 guns, fitted out, and gone out of the Mole with a Lieutenant on board.

5th. Wind the same, very fresh.

6th. Wind the same. Last night the Spanish camp was on fire. A General Court Martial to try one of the 58th for robbing a wine-house. Much robbing. A fire-lock stolen, a pistole reward. Ragged Staff and Line Wall strengthening with casks.

7th. Wind the same. Last night came in two more deserters.

9th. Wind the same. A heavy rain for the last nights. Arrived a Neapolitan, laden barley, &c.

10th. Wind the same and fine weather. A.M. One 58th hanged for robbery. A good deal of firing from Willis' at working parties.

11th. Wind the same. P.M. Fort Phillip fired 3 shot at a funeral party without Land Port.

12th. Wind the same. A.M. Forts Barbara and Phillip fired several shots at our waggons going to the Devil's Tower for stone; one came to the French parade¹ through a house, and fell in the street and wounded a woman, to the great surprise of everyone, who did not think they could throw a shot so far.

13th. Soldiers informed that $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. beef and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pork will be taken per ration next week from their allowance.

14th. Wind the same, rainy weather, thunder and lightning.

15th. Wind and weather the same for this week past. Merchant Anderson offered to send a brig to Barbary, if the Governor would be at half the expense, but she is not gone. The Dons have but few cruizers here now. A.M. Arrived an Ordnance brig for Minorca, three officers and 7 privates.

1. What is now called Governor's or Gunner's Parade.

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27th. Wind the same, and cold weather. Admiral Rodney came on shore and was saluted by the guns at the New Mole. A prize or two brought in. The *Childers* sailed express.

28th. Wind and weather the same. The *Terrible*, and 3 or 4 frigates gone out.

29th. Wind westerly, and much rain. Last night came in a deserter. The *Childers* returned damaged.¹ Flags of truce constantly employed. The Subs of the pickets South to visit the Spanish prisoners in the Navy Hospital at 8 a.m., and report to the Governor. A.M. The *Edgar*, 74, and two frigates chased a Spanish ship that came off Cabareta point, and drove her on shore, but the galleys towed her off; much firing between the ships and batteries. The 73rd Regt. come on shore, and quartered at King's Bastion and Montagu's.² Six or seven Officers, as interpreters, to attend at Land Port by turns, for parleys.

30th. Wind and weather the same. Came in 3 deserters.

31st. Wind the same, and heavy rain. Sailed the Minorca convoy, four 74's, and a frigate. All the sick prisoners sent on parole.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Wednesday. Wind the same, and very fresh, thunder and lightning. A frigate and some smaller vessels drove almost on shore. The *Diligente*, 70, prize, fired several guns of distress, and a shot or two into the *Ajax*.

3rd. Wind easterly, and rain. Four or five hundred barrels of powder were taken from the prizes, but were damaged in the vessel that received it, by the gale of wind, &c.

5th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. Last night the Dons took a brig. Three more deserters came in. Arrived the *Shrewsbury*, 74, from Lisbon. Lieutenant — in arrest for allowing 1½ dozen wine to go on board, when officer of the Mole Guard.

8th. Wind the same, fine weather. Last night the *Pegasus* got near the S.³ shore and our guard boats, taking her for an enemy, fired several small arms, and alarmed the fleet. It seems the Governor can dispose of commissions.

1. She had to throw 4 guns overboard.

2. This regiment was intended for Minorca, but the Governor considered it prudent to detain them.

3. South.

FEBRUARY.

9th. Wind the same. Sailed the *Royal George* on a cruize. The ground off the New Mole and Rosia being in general rocky, most of the ships had their cables cut.

11th. Wind the same. The ships preparing to sail, and go off when ready.

13th. Wind the same, fine weather. Sailed the fleet and all the transports that were ready, and were joined by those from Minorca. The *Edgar*, 74, *Panther*, 60, *Enterprise* and *Porcupine*,¹ frigates, *Gibr.*, and *Fortune* remain.²

18th. Wind westerly, and heavy rain.

20th. Wind the same, fine weather. Arrived 2 deserters and one was drowned. Arrived a prize setter, taken by Mr. Anderson's privateer, also a boat from Barbary. The Dons sent in about a dozen English prisoners, and some Portuguese, that were taken coming here, are demanded as such. Fowls 12 dollars a dozen. Several women and children sent home. Several of the Dons' prize guns and carriages are landed for the use of the garrison.

22nd. Wind the same, and cold weather. Arrived a Dutch dogger taken by a privateer³ on the coast of Portugal. Our men-of-war have very few men on board, many being sick in the hospital, where there seems to reign a spotted fever.

23rd. Arrived the above privateer.

26th. Wind and weather the same. Exchange at 40 pence per dollar. Arrived a settee, wine, &c., from Minorca, also a Swede from Farro.

27th. Wind and weather the same. Arrived four Spanish men-of-war and two frigates to join Admiral Barcello. Last night a Neapolitan anchored off the Old Mole, and was fired at by our batteries.

28th. Wind and weather the same. The above ships went to Algazeras. P.M. Sailed the other Neapolitan, but was fired at by Europa and came back. The garrison served salt fish instead of beef and pork, a ship-load being bought for that purpose. Little or no butter; men paid for what provisions they have deducted from them, and at a very low rate.

MARCH.

2nd. Thursday. Wind and weather the same. Sailed the privateer. Three Regts. gone from the camp.

1. Sir Charles Knowles, Bart., Captain.

2. Many of their crews having been taken to man the prizes.

3. The *Maidstone*.

1780 MARCH.

3rd. Wind the same. Arrived two sailors, late of the *Sancy Jack*, privateer of this place, escaping from Algazeras. Their encampment seems broke up, and few people remain in the huts.

5th. Wind easterly; sailed the Dutchman.

6th. Wind the same. Returned the settce privateer. The dead body of a man found under the 8 gun battery. The men receive 2 lb. salt fish, 1½ lb. beef, per week, the next week to be pork, and so alternately.

12th. Wind the same. Arrived 196 English sailors, prisoners. But few people seen now in the camp or huts. Officers to draw a whole ration or none, and to be accounted with, for that left in office, every 3 months.

14th. Arrived the packet boat from Barbary, also a Moorish sloop from Malaga, fetched in by the boats; and the above privateer¹ and a prize.

15th. Wind the same, and some rain. Arrived the *Alert*, cutter, privateer, 18 guns, from Scilly, and had a prize that was retaken by the Dons in this Bay.

19th. Fine weather. The Dons fired a feu de joye, 3 rounds; first the encampment and Point Malo, and then Algazeras and the shipping. Arrived between 40 and 50 English prisoners. A putrid fever and the small-pox here at this time, which destroy many people. Between 3 and 5000 men supposed now in camp.

20th. Wind easterly. One 72nd shot for desertion. The *Edgar* gone out of the Mole, hoisting a broad pendant.²

22nd. Wind the same. Field days begun, and to have only one firing day.

24th. Wind the same. Last night sailed the *Alert*, with several masters of ships, late prisoners, on board. One 39th and one 72nd deserted.

27th. Wind the same. Two launches went adrift, and were taken up by their xebecks, that might have taken the boats sent out to fetch them in, had they fired grape shot.

28th. Wind the same, hard rain. 12th Regt. review put off.

30th. Wind and weather the same. The 12th Regt. reviewed. Last night one 58th centry fell and broke his arm; and two of the 12th, one 39th and one 73rd deserted.

1. The *Maidstone*.

2. Captain Elliott had been made Commodore, Admiral Duff having returned to England with the fleet.



The Parson's Lodge and part of the Navy Hospital. (Author's description)

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1st. Saturday. Wind westerly. Came in a deserter.

6th. Wind the same. Last night arrived 2 settees and a fly-boat,¹ 33 bullocks, fowls, etc. Fowls 2 dollars or cobs each, oranges 9 reals per dozen. At noon came in a deserter. Exchange at 40.

11th. Wind the same. Returned the Fly, and Jews' boat from Barbary. All the Spanish prisoners sent to Spain.

13th. Wind the same. Arrived the *Hyena*,² frigate, from England. Much fired at.

14th. Wind the same. Came in a deserter.

20th. Wind easterly. About 10 a.m. sailed the *Edgar*, *Hyena*, and the ship that brought the salt fish. The Spanish Admiral and 2 line-of-battle ships got under sail; the first went through.

JUNE.

7th. Wednesday. Wind about N.W. About 2 a.m. came the fire-ships, one a 2-decker, the others, 9 in all, some frigates, others small craft, appeared near the *Enterprize*,³ and answered Swedes,⁴ but, on being fired at, were set on fire, and burnt most furiously; our sailors steered them clear of the New Mole, for which they were steering; six fell on the rocks from Rosia to Europa, and the other three were carried by the current, burning, to the eastward; the batteries and shipping fired a great deal at the Spanish boats that were towing the fire-ships on, the wind dying away fortunately at that time.

8th. Cloudy weather with rain, and cool. There has been little or no rain till about the end of May. The sailors employed in getting in the bottoms of the fire-ships, and selling them for fuel. Arrived the *Box*, settee, privateer.

11th. Wind the same, cold and rainy weather.

13th. Wind easterly, and fine weather. The Dons' line-of-battle ships all gone to the westward, except the Admiral come back, and cruizing to the eastward.

15th. Wind the same, hot weather.

1. Called by Drinkwater "The Fly packet."

2. Captain Thompson.

3. Captain Lesley.

4. i.e.: On being challenged answered "Swedes."

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24th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A 70 gun ship, the *St. Michael*, 2 frigates, and a xebec, coming near Europa, were fired at, which they returned, and fired many broadsides at the Rock and shipping, and threw several shot on shore. The *Enterprize* had 19 men burnt and wounded by their own bad management.¹

27th. Calm weather. About 2 a.m. some gun-boats, &c., began firing on the *Panther*, &c., and were fired at. The regiments at the Southward kept under arms for two hours; several shot came on shore; the *Panther* was hit 3 times, one in the hull.

JULY.

2nd. Sunday. Wind westward, and hot weather. Arrived 110 prisoners taken by the Dons, in a privateer.

3rd. Wind easterly and fresh. Last night sailed the *Panther*.

4th. Wind and weather the same. Arrived 117 more prisoners.

7th. Wind the same. Last night sailed the two Indiamen and 2 store-ships.

17th. Wind westerly. Last night 4 gun-boats came and fired at the shipping.

22nd. Weather the same. A.M. The 12th and 72nd Regiments marched to town, and the 58th and 73rd to the South Barracks.

24th. Arrived 9 more prisoners. Last night sailed a victualler. One 58th deserted, and one 56th got out of the Black Hole, and fell from one of the embrasures of Grand Battery into Land Port Ditch, and broke both his knee-pans. The Surgeon's mate of the 72nd poisoned himself.

29th. Hot weather. A cow sold for 50 guineas and a pint of milk a day till she went dry.

AUGUST.

3rd. Thursday. Wind westerly. A.M. The *For*, privateer, taken off Cabaretta with five mails on board.

17th. Wind the same. Arrived about 60 prisoners. The Dons were civil to them. Also an officer 56th Regt.²

24th. Wind easterly. For these three days past great fogs in the mornings, and very hot afternoons; last night Apes Hill³ was on fire, and made this place so hot it was hardly bearable. The thermometer 92°. Arrived a boat from Minorca. Wine sells 1 dollar per gallon, honey 1 dollar per lb., sugar 6 reals.

1. The explosion of some powder on board.

2. Ensign Bradshaw, passenger in a brig captured on the 12th.

3. The mountain on the coast of Africa facing Gibraltar Bay.



AUGUST.

29th. The same, wind westerly. This day remarkable for the death of one Colonel and trial of another, Colonel Mawhood and Colonel Ross; the latter tried for attempting to depreciate General Boyd in the eyes of his Regiment.¹ Arrived a boat from Mr. Logie in Barbary. A duel between two officers, one wounded. Salt pork 2½ reals per lb., salt beef 1 real 12 qts.

30th. Wind the same. Came in a parley.

SEPTEMBER.

6th. Wednesday. Wind southerly, and began to rain. The officers riot a little, and break the Jews' doors and windows.

28th. Wind easterly. Very little rain fallen yet, and the springs are almost dry. Last night 4 transports sailed.

OCTOBER.

1st. Sunday. Wind westerly. About 2 a.m. the Dons erected the first of the Mill Battery, and set fire to the huts and canes in the gardens, and hung fire machines on the palisades of Bayside and Forbes', and set fire to the latter, but the guard put it out. The Dons advanced under cover of heaps of dung, rubbish, &c., that have been let to remain outside those outposts. The guards fired several shot, but the Dons hid themselves immediately. In short those are bad works, and were badly managed.

3rd. Wind the same. Since the above, Willis' continues to fire light balls, and A.M. they fired grape at the new work, and round at one of the 14 gun batteries, and all are in expectation of their returning it. Three of the last transports are taken into Algazeras.

4th. Wind the same. Last night a great deal of firing in the Gut, and about 11 o'clock an English sloop of 12 or 14 guns was taken by the Dons. Arrived a row-boat from Tangier, and confirms the West India Fleet's being taken. Arrived the soldiers' wives, taken prisoners on their way home in the above transports.

9th. Wind the same, and rain. Queen's lines making. The rubbish, &c., levelled before Bayside and Forbes, and the large stones broke, and the holes filled up, to prevent the Dons secreting themselves there, and casks put up by

1. The Court Martial appears to have resulted in the acquittal of Colonel Ross, as he continued to carry on his duties, and was made Brigadier.

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way of breastwork within the palisades, but, after all, miserable work and poor invention. The Jewish women go to their burying-ground, and make great cries and noise for, or to, some of their dead.¹

20th. Calm. Last night arrived a settee from Minorca, wine, oil, &c. ; and a Danish dogger was brought in by the boats, lemons,² &c.

21st. Arrived a settee from Algiers, 70 butts of wine.

22nd. The batteries fired above 100 shot at the new works, and some of their gun-boats. Five sail of the line, 2 frigates, and a tender, Russians, gone to the eastward. The salt fish all served out, to the no small satisfaction of the garrison, who are heartily tired of it.

28th. Very fine weather. Last night the Advanced Work made as big again. Much firing on our side.

31st. Captain C —, 56th, in arrest, for not reporting to the Governor the desertion of two men, one 56th, other 72nd, from Upper All's Well, and firing several shot after them. He expects all garrison orders to be obeyed, whether in the guard orders or not, which not only requires a good memory, but is also in a manner contrary to the garrison orders, which say that the Town Major shall see all orders relating to the guard wrote in their book of orders.

NOVEMBER.

5th. Sunday. Rainy weather. Two regiments to encamp, in case the enemy begin firing.

11th. Fine, but cold weather. One 12th and two 56th deserted ; and him of the 12th found dead under the Line Wall, and the bones of another found back of the Rock. The Dons increase their work, and the batteries fire a great deal. Arrived a vessel from Minorca.

12th. Westerly and cold, and no fuel. A.M. Arrived a polacre³ from England, and had a great battle with the gun-boats. The batteries fired 122 shots at them. Arrived two settees from Minorca.

¹ Oct. 9th in this year was Yom Kippur, or the Day of the Atonement ; the visit to the Cemetery should take place on Oct. 8th, the eve of Yom Kippur, in accordance with the Hebrew custom ; possibly however, both synagogues being in the town, the service for Yom Kippur itself was held in the Cemetery at the South.

² This was a most important capture ; the lemons saved the soldiers suffering from scurvy, which had broken out in the Garrison,

³ The Young Sabine.





Between pages 22 and 23.

South End of the Rock, showing the Spanish forts St. Philip



St. Barbara in the distance, marked by flags.





NOVEMBER.

17th. Weather the same. Last night the gun-boats fired several shot, two into the Town, and several about the Rock, and wounded a lieutenant and 4 men on board the *Enterprize*.

19th. Rainy weather. Last night the gun-boats came again, and, on our firing an iron 32-pounder on the King's Bastion, it burst, and killed one of the Artillery, and wounded 3 other men of different regiments. Several large pieces flew about the Town.

23rd. Weather the same. The batteries continue to fire at the new work, that goes on but slowly. Some brandy, sent here by Government for the troops, is sold to the wine-houses, and officers are now obliged to pay duty for the first time; they were refused when they asked to buy it at the first hand, and to take a cask of it.

26th. Fine weather. The gun-boats have been again for these three nights past, and thrown shot into the inhabitants' houses. They have begun their approaches to the Advanced Work from their lines, and have fired small arms and drove in our gardeners; and the gun-boats have drove in our men-of-war to the New Mole, and most of their vessels have gone to the westward.

30th. Wind easterly, rainy weather. Last night arrived a polacre from Algiers, a French prize. The Dons work on *Enterprize* within the boom, and *St. Firming* heaving down.¹

DECEMBER.

1st. Friday. Wind easterly. Arrived the *Anglicana*,² a ship, 26 guns, from Smyrna, the xebecs kept aloof.

3rd. Rainy weather. Last night a great storm of hail, thunder and lightning. Much earth and rubbish in the streets. The Dons set about 40 Chandeliers³ last night.

10th. Wind the same, rainy and stormy weather. Arrived 3 settees from Minorca, and a brig from Leghorn, laden provisions, &c. The batteries fire a great deal, but the approaches go on.

¹ Careening.

² A privateer.

³ A movable wooden parapet, on which fascines are laid, to cover men working in the trenches.

1780 DECEMBER.

15th. Fine weather. The Dons have finished their approaches to the east branch of the Advanced Work, and have made four returns¹ by way of traverses.

17th. Weather the same. The Dons become much bolder, are working hard, and the batteries are firing at them. Much firing about Tangier.²

18th. More firing at Tangier.

20th. Wind westerly, and heavy rain. A.M. Arrived the *Speedwell*,³ King's cutter, with despatches, but no news; great secrecy at Head Quarters. The *Speedwell* was attacked by a small vessel that she beat off; the Lieutenant was wounded. Last night the water run in such flood at Willis', that one of the gunners was carried down by it, and broke his thigh. The marksmen have mounted guard for some time at the Lines, and fire frequently at the Dons at work, but they make game of them.

23rd. Weather the same. Last night arrived a snow,⁴ privateer, 20 guns, from London, laden provisions, &c.

25th. Wind the same. Arrived a snow from Liverpool; do.

1. Windings in the trenches, parallel to the front of the place attacked, so as to afford shelter from fire.

2. In honour of the arrival of the Sultan.

3. Lieutenant Gibson, Commander.

4. "Snow," a large ship with 2 principal masts, the sails and rigging on the 2 principal masts being similar to those on the fore-mast and main-mast of a ship. But she carried also a small mast behind the main-mast, carrying a sail nearly resembling the mizen of a ship. When sloops of war were fitted as snows this sail was attached to a "horse" or thick rope fixed perpendicularly abaft the main-mast, which took the place of the additional mast. A merchant snow is drawn in the north-west corner of the plan of Gibraltar in this diary.

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JANUARY.

1st. Monday. Wind easterly, weather the same. Arrived a tartan¹ from Minorca. Also an empty Spanish settee being rowed under the guns, and left by the people, was brought in by the boats; letters on board mention a gun-boat's blowing up, and all on board but one man perishing, that the *Speedwell* killed and wounded several people on board that vessel that attacked her, and that they lose several people in their approaches. The last Spanish deserter, calling himself a Serjeant, and that has been kept a long time on Windmill Hill, is taken up for a spy.

3rd. Weather the same. One 72nd deserted from Bayside; and a marksman of General La Motte's deserted from the Flèche² Queen's Lines in the daytime; one of their two officers to attend the practice.

11th. Arrived two Moorish settees with all the English and their Consuls, about 130 odd persons, that were in Barbary, the Emperor having let his three ports, Tetuan, Tangier and Larache to the Spaniards, each for 100,000 cobs per annum, during the time the English are in possession of Gibraltar; they were kept a fortnight at the Orange Grove, and sent here as prisoners. Stages are erecting in Rosia Bay, and cranes, to be in readiness for the convoy.

15th. Wind westerly, and stormy weather. Last night the streets were full of water. A Spanish frigate drove from Algazeras and came to at the Orange Grove, having fired two or three guns of distress; they seldom strike masts and yards.

16th. Wind the same, fine weather. Last night arrived a privateer brig from Madeira, 70 pipes of wine. The Moors returned.

17th. Wind the same, rainy weather. The *Enterprize*, though in the boom, fired several shots at 4 gun-boats that the batteries thought out of their reach. Last night about 11 o'clock felt a slight shock of an earthquake; it lasted several seconds.

18th. Last night arrived a cutter,³ privateer, from England, laden flour, &c. News of the Dutch war.

1. Tartan. See illustration.

2. A work with two faces, like an arrow head.

3. The *Tartar*, mentioned again on the 28th.

1781 JANUARY.

19th. The Dons have been trying 3 mortar boats at Algazeras.

23rd. Wind the same, fine weather. Last night sailed the *Hannah* and a polacre, privateer, for aloft. The Dons practice again the mortar boats. A 13-inch mortar mounted on the highest part of the Nd.¹ Rock on a swivel platform, and answers very well. Yesterday a Serjeant of 56th deserted from Lower Forbes' guard, and one Hardenburg's deserted down the back of the Rock; and the master of the *St. Firming* killed himself by drinking.

27th. Wind easterly. Two of Hardenburg's and one 73rd deserted. The gun-boats drove in our fishing boats.

28th. Wind the same. Arrived a ship from Leghorn, wine, barley, brandy, rice, and deal boards. They saw the *Brilliant's*² long boat off Cape Palos, and had her in tow, but being chased quitted her. The Governor has given gratuities for having fired and kept a good look-out, and now they fire pretty often. At night sailed the *Tartar*, cutter, to the eastward, and the Madeira brig to the westward.

30th. Wind the same and fresh. Last night arrived a tartan and settee from Minorca. A rope was found hanging at the top of Charles the Vth Wall where the deserters got down. P.M. Tried a gun at 2, 4 and 5 degrees elevation, lashed so as not to recoil, and again, unlashed and free, when the latter went the furthest; at 2 degrees it recoiled six times and went further than at 5 degrees, when it recoiled only twice.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Thursday. Fine weather last night. One 56th deserted, and two bodies were found behind the Rock, supposed the Serjeant 73rd and his of the 56th. The spy went, on board the *Hannah*.

2nd. Wind the same. The Dons have 3 frigates, and 5 xebecs, cruizing in the Gut.

8th. Wind the same. Bread, flour and fuel are very scarce; wood sells by the pound. The back of the Rock under the Signal House is scalping³ to prevent desertion. It seems the Serjeant 73rd and the man 56th fell from Mount Misery, a precipice of about 1200 feet high. Last night came in a deserter. The Dutch war not known of in camp.

1. Northward.

2. The *Brilliant*, frigate, Captain Curtis, had been chased through the Straits by Spanish cruizers in the night, but escaped to Port Mahon.

3. Being scarpd.

FEBRUARY.

9th. Wind the same. Arrived the *Salisbury*,¹ cutter, 22 guns, from Minorca; about a dozen cruizers and 7 gun-boats were at the back of the Rock, but did not intercept her, though about the middle of the forenoon.

12th. Wind the same, fine weather. Last night one 72nd deserted from W.P.²

15th. Wind westerly. Rosia a Captain's night guard, who, with the Captain of the pickets, goes rounds, but at different times, to all the South Guards from Ragged Staff, through the Hole in the Wall, Windmill Hill, a walk of about 4 miles, and as bad road as can well be gone. A.M. A Danish vessel taken by the gun-boats, within reach of our guns.

18th. Wind easterly and fresh. Last night sailed the *Salisbury*, with Consul Logie on board. The Garrison sent a memorial to the King, for an allowance on account of the times.³ The Spanish cruizers disappear.

19th. Wind the same. The 12th Regt. a field day, and the only one to be before the review. They fired. Arrived a polacre from Minorca.

22nd. Wind northerly, and very cold weather. Last night arrived a brig from Minorca, laden provisions.

26th. Wind the same and rain. A.M. The 12th Regiment reviewed. About 40 Jewesses, &c., sailed for Minorca. Several experiments made on platforms, of guns and mortars; one by laying junk with a spindle in the centre, by which the bed goes on a swivel, and answers very well.

MARCH.

1st. Thursday. Wind easterly. The night before last came in a brig from Algazeras, with part of her lading on board, and brought in by the crew. An officer's guard sent on board. No bread to be bought, and many families have not tasted it for some days.

5th. Wind the same. Last night arrived a settee from Minorca. The earth burnt up, want of rain. A.M. A flag of truce about Major Freke,⁴ 39th Regiment. The *Speedwell* came out of the mole. Colds, and chafed lips, frequent. A brig was taken yesterday morning. The Dons have but 2 xebecks here.

1. Privateer.

2. Water Port.

3. Drinkwater states that no official reply was ever received to this.

4. Major John Freke.

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7th. Wind the same. About 9 a.m. one 72nd, on Land Port Guard, leaped over the palisadoes, and deserted; about 500 shots were fired at him from the Lines, and 7 or 8 rounds from Willis'. The 8-inch howitzer broke the swivel pin, but the 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ stands 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of powder; 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ diameter spindle.

12th. Wind westerly and cloudy, but no rain, which is much needed. Poor people much distressed for bread.

14th. Wind easterly, and rain. One 12th deserted from Upper All's Well.

17th. Arrived a polacre and tartan from Minorca, laden brandy, gin, flour, &c.

18th. Weather the same. Arrived the *Tartar*, cutter, from Minorca, and a polacre from Leghorn to Liverpool, bale goods.

19th. Wind the same. Arrived a settee, the *Brilliant's* tender.

20th. Hard rain. A General Court Martial to try two of 56th for robbing a wine man. Last night sailed the Portuguese boat that has been here so long, afraid of being taken, and about a dozen fishermen, want of bread. The *Enterprise*, *St. Firming* and *Fortune* ready for sea.

22nd. Wind the same. A.M. Sailed the polacre for Liverpool, but being fired at, went into Algazeras.

23rd. Rainy weather.

24th. Wind easterly, and rain. About 5 p.m. Lieut. Skinner's servant, a boy of about 15, went off with his boat; he was fired at, and the *Enterprise's* boat went after him, but to no purpose. Three officers of the 12th Regt. paid smart money, about 30 guineas, for beating and abusing a Jew. It is the first time they have found protection in this place.

27th. Wind westerly, weather the same. Last night arrived a xebeckeen, prize to a Minorca privateer, and was drove here by the weather.

29th. Wind and weather the same. Last night sailed the *Enterprise* and *Fortune* for Minorca; the *St. Firming* got foul of the boom and remains; they have the invalids on board. A brig bound here from Lisbon got through in the night, and is taken; the crew arrived in the boat.

APRIL.

3rd. Tuesday. Wind variable and rainy weather. Last night arrived the *Resolution*, cutter, 20 guns, Government's service, laden rum.

APRIL.

5th. Wind and weather the same. Thunder and lightning. Last night 4 of our boats, with Lieut. Bamford and about 30 soldiers, rowed towards Cabareta Point, to cut out an armed sloop and two or three fire ships laying there, and got within about 500 yards of them without being seen, but owing to fear or bad management they returned without effecting anything.¹ The night before sailed the *St. Firming* and tender, and were followed by two xebecks.² The Dons seem to have fitted out several fire-ships, and have two frigates at the Orange Grove.

6th. Wind and weather the same. Fired three 13-inch shells from the Rock mortar at the Advanced Work, 2 of which struck on the parapet, and damaged it much.

7th. Wind the same. About 2 p.m. the *Eagle*, brig, privateer, of 14 guns, from Glasgow, bound aloft, hove in sight, and standing for the Bay, was immediately chased by a xebeck, sloop, xebeckeen, and 11 gun-boats; they began firing, which she returned; the xebeck ran between her and the Rock, but she came in under her stern; she was drove to the Advance,³ but was towed round.

8th. Wind easterly, fine weather.

11th. Wind westerly. Last night the *Tartar*, cutter, got out of the mole, and would have sailed, but the wind varied. Five men in the *Speedwell* boat helped to tow her out, and then deserted. This month the officers' bread two ounces more than it used to be, the soldiers' less but better, and the officers' provisions are drawn together, and divided by the quartermasters. The beef good, though long in the garrison.

12th. Thursday. Wind the same, fine weather. About 11 a.m. arrived the convoy, about 130 sails, of which 28 of the line,⁴ 4 or 5 frigates, a fire ship, cutters, &c., being preceded in the night by the *Kite*,⁵ cutter, who brought dispatches that were immediately taken to the Governor, and, about $\frac{1}{4}$ after, just as the leading ship dropped her anchor, their batteries began bombarding the town, which they kept up, resting only in the middle of the day for their seesto.⁶ Eighteen gun and mortar-boats, &c., attempted to prevent their coming in, but were driven back by the frigates and a ship or two, which might have brought some of them in, had they been permitted, their men having rowed to shore and quitted them.

1. Drinkwater states that the moon came out just before they reached the vessels.

2. They captured the former.

3. *i.e.*: Europa.

4. Under Admiral Darby.

5. Captain Trollop.

6. Siesta.

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APRIL.

15th. Weather the same. Such a scene of drunkenness, debauchery, and destruction was hardly ever seen before. P.M. Finding the encamp ground on the side of the Hill as much exposed as any other part, the different regiments, excepting the 72nd that was in the King's Bastion, and some companies of the others that went into Montagues, Picquet Yard, and Galley House, marched out, and encamped at the Southward, where they had bad weather to begin with. Ammunition running scarce above, our batteries ceased firing, except now and then, as occasion offered. Find ourselves much deceived about the range of their shot and shells, as they come to Scud Hill, &c. Surgeon 56th¹ lost his leg in a casemate north side King's Bastion. One of the 12th drank aqua fortis for rum, and died, and another recovered.

20th. Wind easterly. P.M. The fleet sailed.

23rd. About 6 a.m. the gun and mortar-boats came, and fired at the encampment, &c. ; a woman 58th killed, and an artillery lost his leg.

24th. One 12th deserted from Land Port guard.

27th. Wind easterly and very fresh. The time of mounting guard has been changed to noon, then to 2 p.m., and then to 3, but the enemy have continued their seesta from 12 to 2, at which time they have fired very little. A shell fell into the *Nottingham* in the Mole, but did not burst. P.M. Arrived the vessels sent to Minorca for a supply, the *Enterprize*, *Brilliant*, *Porcupine*, *Minorca*, *Lady Amherst*, *Fortune*, &c., about 20 sail. The traverses not shot proof, and several men wounded, etc., in the South Flank, King's Bastion. The Magazine was in that flank, but shifted a day or two ago. The last 2 or 3 days thunder, lightning, and rain.

28th. Wind the same, and fine weather. The works not much damaged. A General Court Martial, Lieutenant —, 73rd, for not resenting an affront from Lieutenant —, 56th, and Major —, for speaking disrespectfully of the Governor.

30th. A.M. Another visit from the gun-boats. All hands employed stowing away the provisions, that are lying about all over the place, and damaging and wasting as fast as possible ; a field officer at each landing place, New Mole and Rosia, night and day ; all night guards become day, and a Captain is at Queen's Lines, Prince's Lines, Waterport, Land Port, Main Guard, New Mole, Rosia, and Europa.

1. Dr. Thomas Chisholm ; he was wounded in the head, one foot was taken off, and the other leg broken.

MAY.

2nd. Wednesday. Wind the same. Two shells fallen through the Casemates, Grand Battery, one where La Motte's company lay, and buried a man that was afterwards dug out alive, the other through the arch gate-way among the picquets, but fell blind. The men's proof at the Lines damaged by a shell, and the officers' by a large stone fallen down from the Rock over it. Last night arrived a settee from Algiers laden bullocks, sheep, &c. The new cask batteries and traverses good for nothing, and don't stand at all. The Dons fire grape shot at Land Port by way of making a breach. A provost marshal appointed. Eight months' provisions brought from Minorca. Several shells fallen within the boom and as far as South Sheds.

3rd. Wind the same, hot weather. Last night our batteries fired a good deal, and threw a shell into the Advanced Work or Mill Battery, set it on fire, and blew up the magazine.

7th. Wind easterly. Last night sailed the *Minorca*, and several vessels with inhabitants on board, for Minorca. Died Lt. C. —, ¹ 39th, of his wounds, for which he had been trepanned five times. About 5 a.m. came the gun-boats for the 3rd time since the fleet sailed, 11 gun-boats and 3 mortar-boats, who threw about 3 or 4 shot into the camp, and about 2 or three shells on shore, and several among the shipping, without doing any damage. Our batteries fired about 38 barrels of powder and broke several 13-inch shell, &c., over them, besides grape that fell all about them; and if any of our vessels had gone out about the time their ammunition was expended, as they carry only about 20 rounds, there being wind enough, a good account might have been given of some of them. The day before yesterday one 58th was hanged on the Grand Parade at guard-mounting, at the door of a store he had been robbing.

9th. Wind the same, and heavy rain. Lt. Lowe, 12th, lost his leg by a cannon shot below the knee, on a working party. All horses, mules, &c., shot when found loose on the Rock. One of La Motte's Regt. shot by a centry. Only two centries have been yet killed on their posts. Casualties to last Monday, 11th, 18 privates dead and about 30 are wounded.

2. Lieutenant Cunningham.

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MAY.

11th. Wind easterly. About 9 a.m. came the gun-boats, 4th time, but kept so far off that only one shell and two shots came on shore. One 56th died drunk, and one 72nd found dead in a house in Town. A shell fell in a store of brandy and rum, as two of the 12th were robbing it, and set it on fire; one died and the other lost his eyes.

13th. Wind easterly. Last night came the gun-boats, 5th time; one shell fell in one of the colliers that are sunk, it went through the fore-castle and main-deck only, and lodged in a tar-barrel without bursting.

15th. Wind the same, fine weather. A.M. The Mill Battery fired three shells one Middle Yard, South Barracks, one near the Old, and Grand, Magazine, Rosia, and the other to near St. Michael's cave. A small fleet of Spaniards trying to get in. Their fire fallen to about 1000 rounds per day. Captain —, 56th, in arrest for not going his rounds when on picquet.

17th. Wind the same, cool weather. The Dons fallen off to about 8 or 900 rounds per day.

19th. Wind and weather the same. About 9 a.m. the gun-boats got under sail but returned. This is the anniversary of the 12th year the 12th Regt. has been in Gibraltar.

20th. Wind the same. The Dons have increased their fire. Last night the gun-boats, 6th time, came much nearer, and threw shot into the sea over Wind-mill Hill, and all about Black Town or Jerusalem, Hospital, southward, &c., also shells bursting in the air, &c., yet no one was hurt. Our batteries fired a few rounds, but the Governor disapproves of it.

21st. A poor woman broke her thigh in striving to get out of the way of the above gun-boats. Last night a man being perceived on the causeway, the two advanced guards being called in since the firing, and alternately put in the Flake at Land Port, was challenged and fired at, but on an officer's¹ being sent out he ran away. The South Pavilion of the Victualling Office burnt. A shell burst on the Convent Battery, a splinter flew to the South Bastion, and fired the morning gun. The Dons' fire much slackened.

24th. Wind and weather the same. Three Spaniards being seen in the gardens, they were fired at from the Lines. About midnight a shell fell into a house, South Shed, and buried about 16 people for 2 or 3 hours, but they were got out

1. Lieut. Whetham, 58th Regt.



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SOUTH BARRACKS, MAINE



AND SOUTH PAVILION.





MAY.

by the assistance of the picquet, except a child belonging to the poor woman 58th that was killed some time ago, which perished by it. At between 1 and 2 a.m. came the gun-boats, 7th time, and fired as before. Three Jews, one that had lost all he had in town, near £10,000, his clerk, and a relation, a woman, were killed by a shell in their house in Black Town; 2 butchers, inhabitants, were killed and one wounded, and one 73rd was killed in his bed in the South Barracks; two shells fell in the hospital yard, and a shot went through the roof of the pavilion at the hospital where Lt. Lowe was. Our batteries were manned, but did not fire.

26th. Wind the same, and rain.

27th. Wind easterly. Last night a false alarm of the gun-boats. The batteries fired about 300 shells at the Mill Battery, and set it on fire. They fire a good deal when we fire.

28th. Wind the same. Arrived an armed polacre from Leghorn, laden wine and provisions, also the *General Murray*, cutter, privateer, on her way home. The Russians, four line-of-battle and 2 frigates, gone through to the westward.

28th. Wind the same. Last night sailed the *Enterprize* and 13 or 14 sail for England. Captain C——, 12th, lost his passage. A.M. Passed by the *Flora*² and *Crescent*³ frigates in chase of two Dutch frigates. Our batteries fire a good deal now. Two of the Artificer company hanged at the White Convent⁴ for robbing that store.

30th. Wind the same, hard rain, thunder and lightning. One of 58th punished, and another hung, for stealing rum, which is buried all over the Garrison, and in the Hospital Garden. A line-of-battle ship and xebec arrived to the Dons.

31st. Wind westerly, fine weather. Yesterday and to-day the Dons have saluted over the way.

1. Mr. Israel and his clerk, and Mrs. Tomak.

2. Captain Peere Williams.

3. The *Crescent* surrendered, and was re-taken by the *Flora* who had captured her opponent; the *Crescent* was captured by the French afterwards.

4. In Irish Town, where Messrs. Bland's Office now is; then a naval store, with the residence of the Senior Naval Officer adjoining it.

JUNE.

1st. Friday. Wind easterly. Yester evening arrived a Ragusian ship laden wheat, was brought in by Europa batteries. About 2 a.m. came the gun-boats, 8th time, one shell fell in the hospital, one in Lt. B——'s marquee, 12th Regt., and about the camp; two of the 58th and two 73rd slightly wounded. Our batteries fired about 16 barrels of powder.

2nd. Wind the same, hot weather. About 70 sail in sight to the eastward. The 12th Regt. ordered to go behind the hospital when the gun-boats come again.

3rd. Wind the same. About 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 9th time, and fired more than before, 2 serjeants, 12th and 58th, killed, drum major 12th wounded. A corporal, Land Port guard, going with the relief, had the muzzle of his firelock closed and the barrel bent, by a shell, without much hurting him; two shots went into the hospital, and one fell on the bed of one of the surgeons. The Dons see us carrying stores there every day; quantities of rum, brimstone, and tallow, ship's stores, were there till the present. Our men-of-war want to get into the Mole to take out their powder, but are afraid of the land batteries. P.M. Passed through 4 frigates, 1 xebeck and 70 sail.

4th. Wind the same. A.M. Hoisted the Royal Standard,¹ and the Dons fired a great deal at it, and sent one shot through it. At 1 p.m. our North Front fired a round from right to left at the Mill Battery, but only showed the Dons they could hardly hit it. Arrived a 70 gun ship, 2 B.² ketches, 3 xebecks and several gun-boats to the Dons. Last night a shell fell in the Picquet Yard between two Hanoverians who, laying down close to it, received no harm, except being a little bruised, &c.

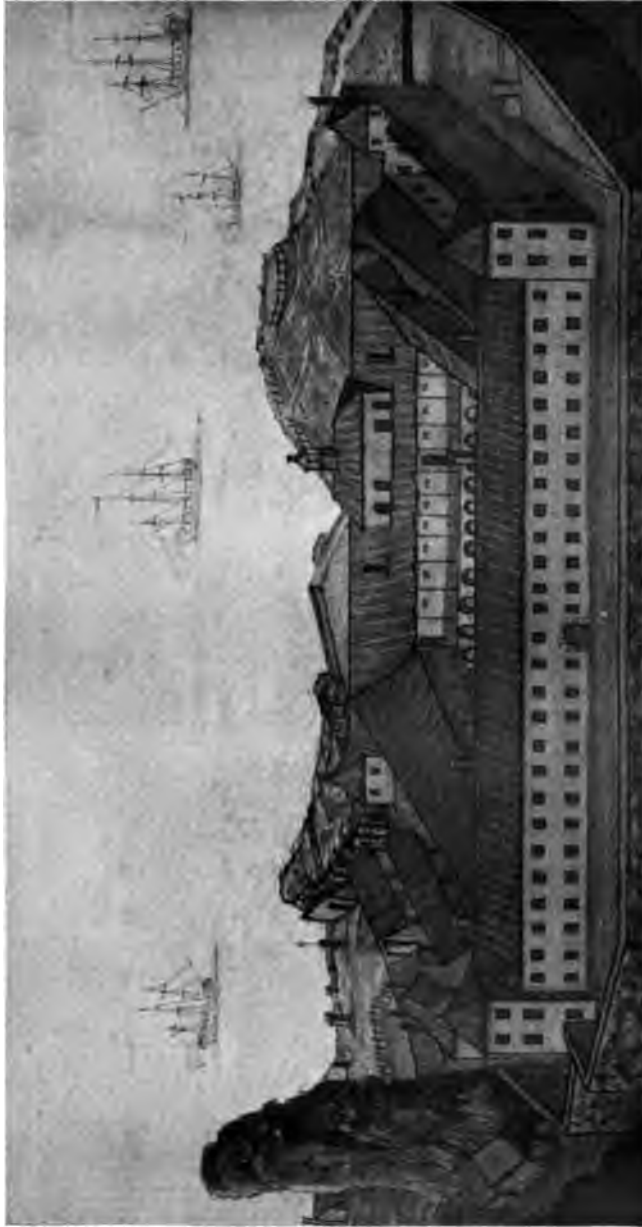
6th. Wind westerly. Signals to be made by the guard boats, and reported on shore, and the Regiments to turn out with their arms. At about 11 last night the boats made the signal, and the Regiments got under arms and staid 3 hours, but it turned out a false alarm. Captain ——, 56th, having abused Ensign S ——,³ 12th, on South Port Guard, a duel ensued, and the latter is wounded or shot through the leg. A man is tried for sleeping on his post when centry.

9th. Wind westerly and rain. About 11 a.m. the Laboratory of the Dons took fire and blew up, with a great number of loaded shells, &c. The officers' guard room at the lines propped on both sides. People killed and wounded almost every day.

1. The King's Birthday.

2. Bomb.

3. Apparently Ensign Sandby.



The Navy Hospital and Parson's Lodge. (Author's description)

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JUNE.

10th. Wind and weather the same. About 10 a.m. the above line-of-battle ship, coming from the Orange Grove within reach of the guns, was fired at a great deal.

11th. A.M. The above ship is a Neapolitan, and has sent to know the reason of being fired at.

12th. Wind the same. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 10th time, and staid only an hour, being very near, our batteries fired only shells to burst over them and grape-shot. Our guard boats give us only false alarms, for when challenged they answered 'guard boats' but just before, and a shell was fired before the alarm was given, and it fell in the tent of a woman and child, 56th, which it killed, and hurt the woman much. One shell fell and lodged on the top of the North Pavilion, Hospital, and another in Lt. Col. C——,¹ 56th, marquee; others fell from the top of the Rock to Windmill Hill, &c. People killed frequently at the Royal or Superior Battery. The Dons fire a good deal since their accident. About 3 a.m. a small shower of rain.

15th. Wind the same, fresh and cool weather. A flag of truce.

16th. Wind and weather the same. The *Speedwell* fetched in about 130 prisoners. A long traverse is marked out on the late camp ground of the Artillery, they being removed to Rosia. Colours hoisted on the Royal Battery. Last night a false alarm of the gun-boats. One 58th and one Hardenburg's deserted.

17th. Wind the same and fresh. The Dons fire a great deal at the works.

19th. Wind westerly and cloudy weather. A Spanish convoy, line-of-battle ships, 5 frigates, and 18 sail, gone through to the eastward. One 58th broke his leg getting over the wall at Rosia, to steal rum laying below, and was fired at by the centries. People employed making a camp ground where the Artillery lay. About 3 p.m. fell a shower of rain.

21st. Wind the same, fresh, and fine weather. One of four gun-boats, or prames, finished, and carries four 26-pounders and two 12-pounders; a tartan. A General Court Martial. The Surgeons to receive a crown, and the mates half-a-crown per day since the 12th April last, and to continue. The Spaniards fire about 2 or 300 rounds per day.

23rd. Wind the same, foggy weather, some rain, fresh gales and cold. The ships and batteries fired several shots at a small boat; had the *Speedwell* got under weigh, she might have taken her.

1. Lt. Colonel Craig.

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24th. Wind the same, fresh gales and cold weather. Last night an illumination at Algazeras. A camp is pitched there. Several caves discovered in the Gully, and human bones in some of them.

25th. Wind the same and moderate. About 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 11th time, but lay at a greater distance, and kept firing till about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3. A woman, 39th, had her leg broke, two puncheons rum stove at the Hospital, and a shot went in at a window, 30 casks of beef and 1 of brandy stove, two men wounded, and several tents, &c., damaged.

26th. The Captain at Rosia Guard taken off, and the Captain of the New Mole goes those rounds.

27th. Wind the same. The Lines and Water Port to be Captain's Night Guards. All ready at the Old Mole for throwing shot and shells into the Spanish Camp. The merchants talk of going home, and commencing law suits against the military for pulling down their houses, &c.

28th. Calm, and hot weather. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 a.m. our guard boats made signals, and about 1 the gun-boats, 12th time, began firing till about 3, when they made signals to depart, and the people returned home, by which time they began again, and fired several shells. One Artillery killed, one La Motte's lost his leg, eight 39th wounded, a serjeant killed, and two 73rd wounded. The Hospital and South Barracks hit several times, and a good deal of damage done. The Main Guard to be a Captain's Night Guard. A.M. The prame got out and anchored off the New Mole, called the *Gibraltar Garrison Vanguard*.

29th. Wind easterly. A General Court Martial to try one 58th for stealing soap from the store. A shell fell on a tree in the Picquet Yard, and killed about 40 sparrows that were at roost there. Sailed one line-of-battle ship, and arrived two others and several xebecs: our frigate fired at one of the xebecs, which she returned.

30th. Wind the same, and very hot weather. Captain C——, 12th Regt., gone to Farro in a boat. The Dons have removed all their fire ships from the Orange Grove. The inhabitants obliged to pay ground rent without a receipt, or lose the ground, though their houses are destroyed.



South Barracks, North Pavilion.

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2nd. Monday. Wind the same. The cargo of the doubtful prize *Ragusine*¹ bought. The *Fortune* fired several musquet shot at a man that leaped over-board, and wounded him in the leg.

3rd. Wind the same. A.M. Three women flogged through the camp for buying stolen goods. Lieut. —, 56th, in arrest, for plundering wood from Mr. Dalling's house.

4th. Wind westerly. Between 1 and 2 a.m. came the gun-boats, 12th time, and fired several shells at the camp, but the shot were employed against the shipping, and very few came on shore; one struck the *Lord Townshend*² and *Porencpine*, and the shells destroyed a house, and 2 or 3 tents. In B. Town³ a shell bursting threw up a cask, oatmeal, out of a house, which fell on its end near the same place, without receiving any damage. The *Brilliant's* bottom struck by a splinter of a shell that burst under her; about 10 a.m. fired the mortars and guns at their camp; saw a shell go to the first row of huts.

6th. Wind the same. P.M. A shot came from Fort Phillip to the middle yard South Barracks, and buried itself 5 feet in the ground. They fired a good deal at guard mounting, and several beyond South Port.

7th. Wind the same. Tried the strength of powder, when a difference of 40 or 50 yards was found in two ounces of different powder, dried against undried.

10th. Wind easterly. Our batteries fire a good deal. A.M. Arrived a boat from a brig that was taken coming from Minorca. Lieut. —, 56th, tried and acquitted. Captain —, 72nd, on arrest for being drunk in Picquet.

11th. Wind the same. The Dons ceased firing by day.

12th. Wind the same. The Dons fire about 5 or 6 shell during the Nt. One 56th and one 58th deserted. The xebecks cruize as before, and a line-of-battle ship lays at Algazeras.

13th. Wind the same, and very hot weather. Fire as above, chiefly by long rangers to the New Mole Parade, and have spoiled some casks, beef, &c., one was found in a flour cask, blind.

1. She was carrying wheat and barley from Carthagenæ to Cadiz, and was therefore condemned as a prize.

2. A transport.

3. Black Town or New Jerusalem, behind South Barracks.

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14th. Wind the same, and weather very disagreeable. Last night the Dons fired as before, but on our returning one, they fired a number of shot by twos and threes at a time.

15th. Wind and weather the same. Last night our batteries returned 5 or 6 at a time, and they replied with 15 shot, but ours fired last. Our batteries begin to fire 4 or 5 to their one. They are seen shipping off gabions, &c., from camp. The Jews' burying ground dug up in the night by Captain W —, ¹ Artillery, and made a garden of. The xebecks cruize as usual in the blockade.

16th. Wind and weather the same. The Dons now and then return a shot, but reluctantly, our batteries tease them. Sailed from the Orange Grove several vessels, that went there empty. One 12th, that had his thigh broke by a shell, came out of the hospital yesterday, got drunk, and broke it again.

18th. Wind westerly. Regiments to change quarters next Saturday. The 39th and Hardenburg's to Town, 56th, Rheden's and La Motte's to South Barracks, the rest to encamp.

19th. Wind the same. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 13th time, and staid about an hour. No alarm but a shell's falling in B. Town. One Artillery lost $\frac{1}{2}$ his foot, and one 73rd, sick, wounded in his bed in the Hospital. A kitchen South Pavilion blown up by a shell, and two or three marquees damaged. The merlons Queen's Battery, Willis', cassoned,² and finished last night, and the Dons have not fired at it.

20th. Wind the same. About 10 a.m. the Dons saluted us from the Lines with 28 or 9 shots and fired a feu de joye from the camp, island, shipping, gun-boats, &c., the whole three times over, a very pleasing sight.

21st. Wind easterly. The Regiments changed quarters. A.M.

22nd. Wind the same. P.M. A duel 3 pistols each between the Major and Adjutant 72nd Regt.³

23rd. Wind the same, and a little rain and lightning. Last night sailed the two Indiamen,⁴ and Col. Ross in a boat to Farro. The ships and batteries fired at a line-of-battle ship and 1 or 2 xebecks going out; they returned it.

24th. Wind westerly. A General Court Martial to try Captain —.

1. Apparently Captain Witham.

2. The parapets between the embrasures were strengthened with boxes or casks of earth.

3. Apparently Major Horsfall and Lieutenant Reeves.

4. The *Lord Townshend* and *Nottingham*, transports.



Part of a Battery caissoned.

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25th. Wind the same. Thunder, lightning and some rain. A.M. Past 60 or 70 sail of Dutchmen. People busy making streets in the 12th camp, and epaulments against the gun-boats. Arrived a boat from Farro.

28th. Wind easterly, and very hot weather. A.M. Experiments tried bursting shells with different quantities of powder. A blind shell, falling in some of the stores, took fire, burst, and did a good deal of damage. They are now to be collected, and carried to the laboratory.

29th. Wind the same. Last night the brig privateer went out, but was chased back by the line-of-battle ship. The cruizers are out, and a good deal of firing in the Gut.

AUGUST.

1st. Wednesday. Wind westerly. About 2 a.m. came the gun-boats, 14th time, staid till nearly daylight; they fired a great number of shell, but were at a much greater distance; some casks of beef and flour were staved, and some tents damaged; at about 6 our battery, Water Port, began firing on their camp. Found that the most powder makes the shell burst closer, and in most pieces.

4th. Wind easterly and very fresh, and very hot weather; and, perhaps from being encamped, find this the hottest summer we have experienced in Gibraltar.

5th. Wind the same. The Dons keep so good a look out that the privateer cannot get away.

7th. Wind westerly but very light, and hazey weather. About 7 a.m. the *Helena*¹ brig hove in sight with despatches for the Governor; about 15 or 16 gun-boats attacked but did not dare to board her; she fired a great deal of musketry, &c., and had her rigging much damaged, &c., her boatswain killed, and two men wounded. Our two prames, the *Vanguard* and *Repulse*,² just fitted out, and a settie rigged, were towed out to her assistance; Sir C. K——³ fetched the packet from her in his boat, and, the breeze springing up, she came in easily.

9th. Wind easterly, and very hot weather. One 56th deserted from Upper A.W.⁴

1. A sloop of war, 14 four-pounder guns, Captain Roberts.

2. Under Lieuts. Taylor and Crawford respectively; they were accompanied by Captain Curtis in his barge.

3. Sir Charles Knowles.

4. All's Well; shown in the plan,

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10th. Wind the same, when the weather is always hot and very close. The Dons fire as usual, their 3 or 4 shells during the night, and some of the Artillery Captains return it, when they fire sometimes a whole battery at once. It is remarkable that, notwithstanding the rounds and patrolling parties are constantly going, yet none of them have as yet been hurt. A.M. Arrived the boat of a vessel from Minorca taken close to the Rock; three Jews were left on board, and the mate thrown overboard. Provisions are now taking into Town during the night. Major — was privately reprimanded by the Court Martial that tried him, before the Company he was in when put in arrest.

14th. Wind the same. A flag of truce. Several of the gun-boats gone to the second river, where they repair and careen them. A shell fell in a tent of the 58th Regt., back of Webber's house, between two men asleep, who were pulled away, but, supposing it a shot, returned, and were looking over the hole, when it burst and only blew them a little on one side. Two men 58th and 72nd tried for sleeping on their post when centry.

16th. Wind westerly. About 12 last night came the gun-boats, 15th time, and staid till about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 1 a.m.; their shot were thrown chiefly at the prames, but many of their shells burst in the air, and splinters were falling all about. One shell fell through the Hospital, Hanoverian ward, among 12 men, and set the pease and sail-cloth on fire below them, but it was put out; another blew off some damaged powder buried Mole Parade. One 72nd killed, two of the Artillery, one 73rd and a barber's boy wounded. The Spanish lines kept a heavy fire on the Town, and our Water Port Battery fired at their encampment. About 14 or 15 casks of beef were spoiled, and a shell struck a box of clocks and watches, without damaging them.

17th. Wind the same. About 6 a.m. arrived a boat from Farro. A flag of truce.

18th. Wind the same and fresh. Last night arrived the packet boat from Farro, 5 mails, some sheep, &c.

19th. Wind the same, thunder, and some rain. Last night arrived the *Kite*, cutter, with the dispatches of which the *Helena* was duplicate, also a boat from Farro, tea, &c. The Dons chased, and fired a great many shot at them. A flag of truce.

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20th. Wind easterly. A flag of truce. The last feu de joye was for the taking of Pensacola.

22nd. Wind the same, hot weather. A flag of truce. Last night Captain W—— at the batteries, a great of firing, and the Mill Battery set on fire. One 72nd wounded. The picquet in the Saltee Port were primed and loaded.

24th. Wind westerly. Captain of Willis' to be there only by night.

25th. Fog from the eastward. About 5 a.m. the Dons saluted, and 3 or 4 shot were exchanged between us. At about 9 one 73rd deserted from Land Port. The *Helena* came out of the boom.

28th. Wind westerly, and cool weather. About 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 16th time, and fired shells only. One fell Artillery Ward, on the bed of a man that was wounded before, and burnt for some time; he called for assistance, but none dared give it him, it burst, carried off one leg, broke the thigh of the other, and burnt him much; he died some time after. Water Port fired at their camp. A gun battery is thought to be making near the Mill. Colds frequent. Four men from one of the prames deserted with the boat; they were pressed from on board the *Viper*, privateer, now in the Bay. Verbal and private orders given out, so that officers are stopped by centries without knowing they are wrong.

31st. Calm. Last night our batteries fired a good deal at the supposed new battery, they returned a little. A.M. An experiment, wooden ramrods against the sailors' rope, but the wooden ones remain in practice.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. Saturday. Wind variable, cloudy weather and some rain.

2nd. Wind the same, but very sultry.

3rd. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A General Court Martial to try Lieut. —, 73rd, for allowing wood to pass at South Port contrary to order.

4th. Wind westerly. The *Fortune* gone into the Mole, to be made a gun-boat, or prame, of. Their cruizers keep a sharp look out now.

5th. Wind northerly and cold. All the cool weather now comes when the wind is to the northward. Two 56th, deserted up the Hill for some days, are found. A flag of truce, and brought back Pratts, taken in the *For* so long ago. Minorca besieged.

6th. Wind the same. A flag of truce. A Captain's allowance, for bringing his baggage out of Town in the firing, amounts to about 6 shillings, given to the poor.

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8th. Wind easterly. Last night signals were made at about Cape Spartel, and answered on each side the Gut to Cruta and Algazeras, and a vessel in the bay fired two guns, and threw up several rockets.

10th. Wind the same. Sailed a boat for Farro. The inhabitants, &c., all leave the Town when they know Captain W——, ¹ is on the batteries; at other times the Dons fire only their usual 3 shells. A General Court Martial to try one 56th for desertion.

11th. Wind the same. Sailed another boat for Farro.

12th. Wind the same, dull and heavy weather. Last night the cutter did not sail, not being ready in time, tho' the xebecs were all afar off to the eastward; but no one is sent to Windmill Hill to look out and give signals. About 5 p.m. they fired a feu de joye, 28 shot 3 times over, their camp, shipping, &c., our batteries fired about 30 rounds, which they returned. The shell that fell on the Magazine in the Moorish Castle, eastern side, S.E. angle, made a hole in bursting, &c., that held six thousand filled sand-bags of a bushel each, and went 6 inches into the old work, of which the arch, &c., is 7 feet thick.

14th. Wind the same. A quarrel between 2 Hanoverian Officers.

16th. Wind the same, some rain fallen. Several guns heard in the night. A shell fell up the Rock, and rolled down to the northern-most gun Princess of Wales' Line, and, bursting, fired it off; this is the 3rd gun that has been fired in that manner since the firing began.

17th. Wind the same, and some rain. Captain W—— at the batteries, and an almost incessant fire was kept up; the Dons are making another entrance into the Mill, or Don Carlos' Battery from about the center of the 4th approach.

18th. Wind easterly. Our batteries kept up almost a constant fire at their new work, and about 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, 17th time, and the first on an easterly wind, but suppose with intention to draw our fire from off their workmen, as this chief aim was about the Town; it had in part the desired effect, for we began on their camp from the Mole Head, and rather slackened from the other batteries. Few shells came near the camp, but a splinter from one of them took off both legs of one 12th sitting in his traverse, a serjeant Artillery lost his leg at Willis', and two 73rd wounded when centries in the Lines. Last night a meteor

1. This appears to have been Captain Abram Witham, R.A. The reason of the departure of the citizens is clear, from the entries under August 10th and 22nd above, and that of September 17th below.



Crushett's, or Lady Riches House before the firing.
(Author's description)



The above House third day of the firing.
(Author's description)





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like a ball of fire fell to the S.W. Several casks of salt meat were the other day thrown over the Line Wall, being spoiled. A.M. Came in a deserter by daylight; he says they never know in camp what damage we do their gun-boats, our guns at Water Port throw over the camp, the shells go in and alarm them much, but have done no harm as yet; the last feu de joye was for the landing at Minorca. About 9 p.m., as Majors Mercier and Vignols,¹ 39th, and the Town Major Burke were sitting in a house, a shell came in and drove the stones against the two former, and fell on the thigh of the latter, went through the floor and blew him up with it; he lived to have the wounded part cut off, but died soon after, much lamented and a great loss to the Garrison. A great deal of firing on both sides. The man 56th hanged for desertion.

20th. Wind easterly and fresh. Last night sailed the *Kite*, *Helena* and *Viper* for England, and a boat for Farro. The xebecks came in, not liking the weather.

21st. Wind westerly, and some hard rain. One 39th hanged himself. We keep up almost a constant fire on their working parties, but they work in spite of us, and we have working parties ourselves full as much exposed, but they seem only to fire at those batteries that fire at them. Several people hurt to-day.

22nd. Wind the same, fine weather. The Empetrardo² Battery seems quite finished, and only a centry to be seen at each flank. Captain V——,³ 56th, A.D.C., hurt getting out of the way of a shell that rolled down the Hill after him.

23rd. Wind and weather the same. A ship or two gone through, but the Dons fire signals to make them keep off from us, a stranger would suppose we had the plague here. Several of our shells burst on leaving the guns, &c., owing to their fuzes being worm-eaten, having been these 7 years in the Garrison.

24th. Wind and weather the same. About $\frac{1}{4}$ past 12 a.m., came the gun-boats, 18th time, and threw shells and shot into the Town, they were about 2 miles from the camp, and the shells directed that way fell in the water. One 72nd wounded. It seems that that man of the 12th, wounded the last time the boats came, was taken to the Hospital, where he lay two hours and a quarter before the Surgeons would venture out of their bomb-proof to dress him, so that the loss

1. Major Vignolles.

2. The Empetrardo batteries were those armed with guns set up on end, to fire at a high elevation. The correct Spanish word is Empotrado, which means "imbedded" or "fitted in."

3. Captain Vallotton.

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of blood would have killed him of itself; also that Lieut. Clarke, 56th, has been for some time in the last stage of a consumption, and requested leave to go home, which was denied him, so he died. Also that there was but one chest of tea and a little coffee in the Garrison, and that the chest and 300lb. of the latter was taken to head-quarters.

25th. Wind and weather the same. About 1 a.m. the fascines on the parapet of Fort Barbara took fire, and burnt till about 11, during which time our battery did not keep up a heavy fire at it. At about 6 arrived the *Flying Fish*, cutter, 20 guns, laden ordnance stores, she was chased by 4 gun-boats that durst not attack her, and a xebec that fired her broad-side without reaching her. Orders being sent to fire all the batteries at Fort Barbara while burning, the Grand Battery began and fired about $\frac{1}{2}$ way.

26th. Wind, &c., the same. About 7 or 8 of the merlons¹ on the S. and E. faces were on fire, but they fired from thence last night. The private venture of the cutter sells very dear, tea one guinea per lb., &c. A.M. A General Court Martial to try the serjeant-major of the Artificers Company, for sending King's workmen to work at his own house. Several people killed and wounded.

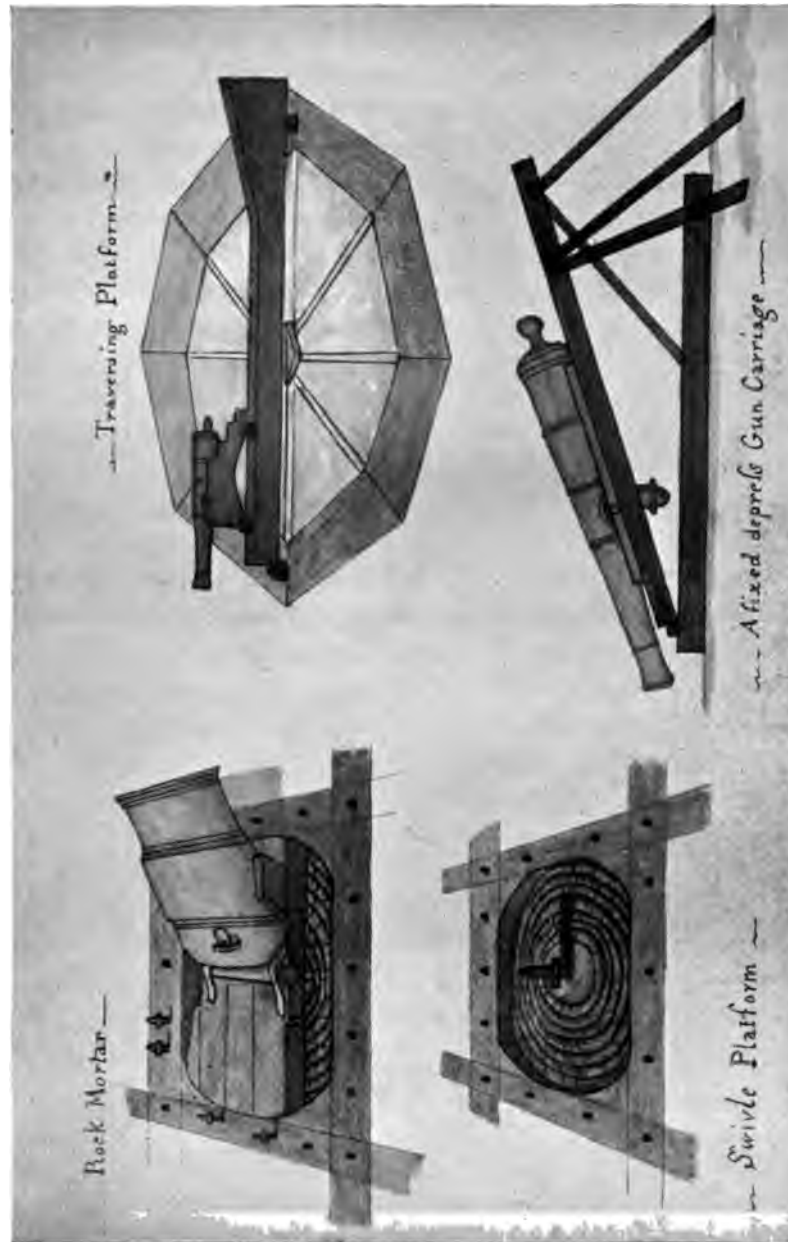
27th. Wind easterly. The Dons worked, and the firing continues. It seems the Governor has given leave to the Artillery to exert themselves, only, instead of knocking down Fort Barbara which was their first boast, to prevent them from covering the mortars again with fascines, even which they are not able to do, two of them being covered already. Captain —, 72nd, in arrest with a centry over him. The Governor reproved the officer overseers for not attending the workmen sufficiently, when two of them resigned the same day.

28th. Wind the same. One 39th killed on the Grand Parade at guard-mounting. A drum lost his eye going the rounds.

29th. Wind the same. Mornings and evenings cool, the day hot as usual. Several people killed and wounded. A shot broke itself in more than a hundred pieces against Montagu Bastion. Gabions seen behind the 4th traverse. The Dons have shifted their flag on board the line-of-battle ship, the xebec that wore it is gone out. The Rock mortar split, by a shell's bursting in it, which is contrary to the given opinion. It seems cradles² are not sufficiently provided for the hospitals, nor places to perform surgical operations in; the wards where the

1. The parapet between the embrasures.

2. For carrying sick and wounded.



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sick are all they have, the others being inhabited by families, &c. The 11¹ doctors are little better than butchers, and ours are not trusted with medicines. When Major B——² was wounded, no proper dressings were at the Main Guard, where a mate attends; the Director, being accused of it next morning, answered there were, having sent them just before, at daylight. A deserter 72nd being seen behind the Rock, a boat was sent round and brought him in, he had fallen down some part of the Rock, and broke his leg, &c.

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1st. Monday. Firing slackened, our batteries fired last night only 22 barrels (cwt.) of powder.

2nd. Wind and weather the same. The enemy fired about 2000 rounds in the course of last night; several people killed and wounded. One of the 12th drowned. Every gun that could bear was kept going.

5th. Wind easterly, hot weather. Much firing as usual, in short it continues the whole night, nevertheless the Dons work very hard, and have crowded their work with traverses. It seems that last night a mutiny was intended on board the *Speedwell*, cutter, and to have taken her to the Spaniards, but a boy, Spanish deserter on board, informing the Lieut., four of the ringleaders are now in irons on board the provost ship. The serjeants and corporals attend the doctors to learn to stop blood in case of necessity. A General Court Martial to try a serjeant for being drunk on guard, and allowing provisions, rum, &c., to be stolen. The centries not to challenge the guard-boats, unless they attempt to land.

6th. Wind and weather the same. Much firing as usual, the Dons fire now at our working parties from ten to twenty guns at a time, yet we continue to have about 200 men at work on the Hill perfectly exposed, when half the number, well attended, would do more work, and not be in one another's way. An Engineer now attends with the overseers. Fatigues, real³ work, &c., keep the men constantly employed, and they have hardly time to do anything but the duty. Some cows killed on the Hill; when a shell falls they go and smell to it. We are very busy at our exercising, but horrid marksmen. A Dutch Rear-Admiral and convoy gone through.

1. Clearly "Hospital."

2. Major Burke.

3. Work paid at 2 reals per day.

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7th. A xebec saluted them. About 8 p.m. came the gun-boats, 19th time, and threw several shells in and about the camp, the gun-boats came very near and amused themselves with the prames. Their fuzes burn as dim, they are hardly to be seen, ours are very bright. One 73rd killed, two 12th wounded, and several casks of beef staved. The Neapolitan ship came back again.

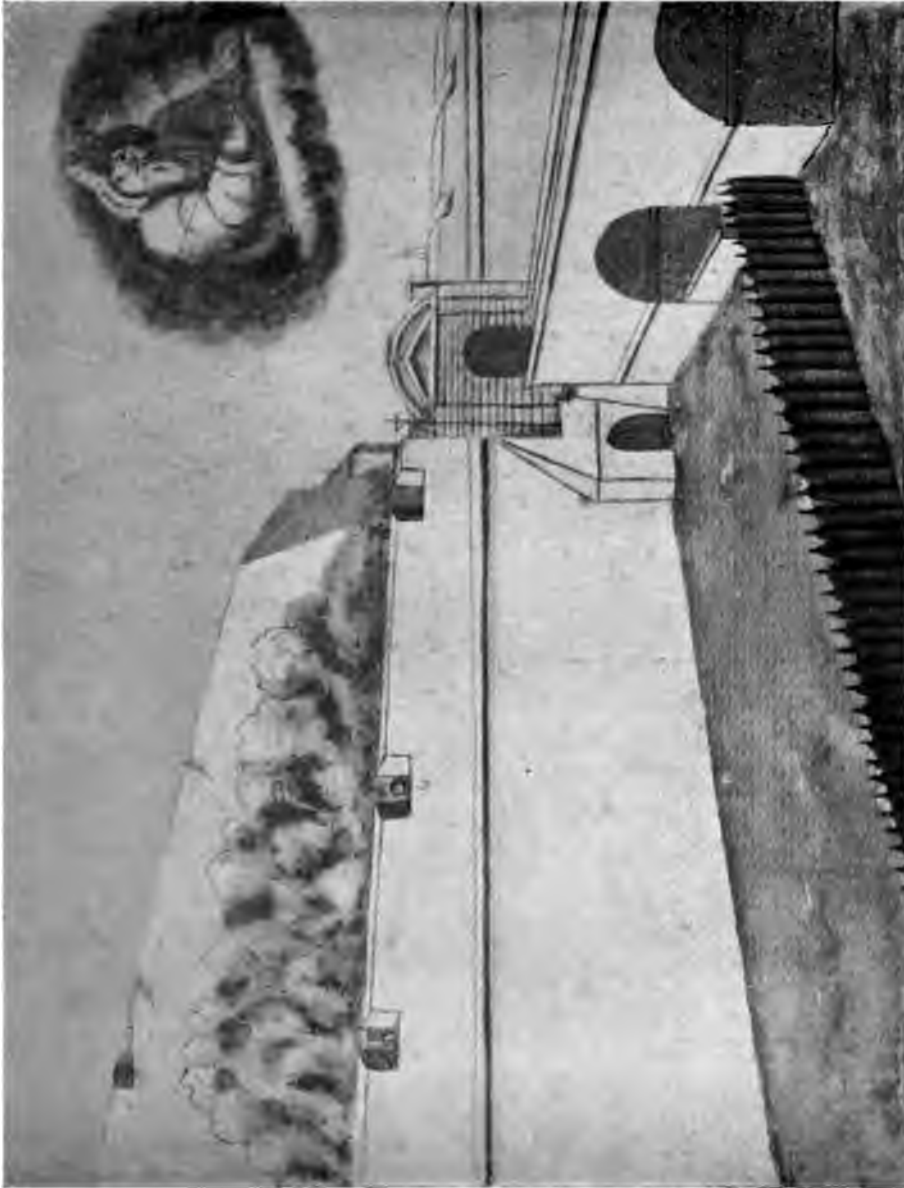
9th. Wind easterly, but nearly calm. A.M. The prames fired several shots at 3 gun-boats come within reach.

10th. Wind the same, and foggy. A.M. One 72nd lost his arm close to his shoulder, by a splinter from one of our shells. The Dons continue to work very hard. Ensign Stevens, 39th, killed by a shell falling into his house. P.M. Sailed the *Plying Fish*, cutter. The Spanish line-of-battle ship gone to cruize, the xebecs being away.

12th. Wind the same, and some rain. Last night our batteries fired very little. It seems the 12th April is remarkable for the delivery of Pompey's head to Cæsar, as well as for the demolishing of the town of Gibraltar. The Regiments to change quarters on Sunday, 21st; the 12th relieves 56th, the 56th the 39th, the 39th the 12th, Rheden's Hardenburgh's. The port serjeant was wounded at Land Port last night; one would think if they meant to serve an old soldier, they would not give him the most troublesome post in the garrison. To the 30th last month, killed, 2 officers, 8 serjeants, 1 drummer and 75 rank and file; wounded 10 officers (2 Staff), 28 serjeants, 6 drummers, and 284 rank and file. About 1000 men are employed in the works daily. The gunner that fired the Rock mortar when it burst is dead, having broke a blood-vessel in his head. Ensign J —, 12th, a duel with Lieut. B —, 72nd. Very few shells to be seen in the Dons' park, and their shot piles much diminished, they have fired about 140,000 rounds, and now return a shot very reluctantly. As their Work seems finished our batteries fire only when a body of men is to be seen. A drummer of the 12th punished for beating two surgeon's mates. The coal ships are breaking up for timber, to casson the batteries with. The Officers of the Artillery dine with the Governor the days they come off guard. The establishment of the Corps now is about 5776 privates, but the sum total no more than 3600.

15th. Wind and weather the same. Last 24 hours the Dons fired only one shell and a few shot. A.M. They fired both shells and shot at our people repairing the face of Montagu. The Artillery practice at the Line of Metal,¹ viz.,

1. i.e., along the barrel of the gun, without elevated back sights.



Land Port Gate and Bridge—and General Elliott keeping guard as a wizard—and Sally Port. (Author's description)

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they suppose an object over the true one, suppose they aim at the top of a tree to strike the foot according to the distance ; but the great practice they have had this siege was highly necessary.

16th. Wind the same, and cloudy weather. The Hanoverians have about 50 sick of the scurvy, and all the regiments have some. It seems a remarkable circumstance happened on the 10th instant, a gun on Montagu being loaded with a shell, and a hole as usual bored in the cartridge for the priming, it was fired with a tube, and the contents, shell and all, fell on the glacis, Water Port ; the shell having got fire lay a short time and burst, but the cartridge was taken up untouched by the fire ; and reported to the Governor.

17th. Wind the same. Four of their gun-boats coming within reach of ours, as they frequently do, were fired at. One 58th, drunk, fell down a precipice and died. The Dons fired 106 shot and 6 shells, most of them dead, the last 24 hours ; their people steal the powder.

19th. Wind westerly but light. No guards or centries to pay compliments after sunset. The Dons have opened a gun battery to the west of the Mill Battery ; they continue to fire at our working parties. Last night one 39th deserted. One 56th had a pound splinter taken out of his shoulder.

21st. Wind easterly. A.M. Regiment changed quarters. Last night about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 10 came the gun-boats, 20th time, but the easterly wind coming on they stayed only $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Lieut. McN——,¹ 72nd, robbed by one of Rheden's. The men have only one or two nights in bed.

22nd. Wind the same. Two line-of-battle ships gone through. The Dons have covered almost all the merlons of the new battery with sand, without its being fired at, but the three Heads, Governor, Engineers, and Artillery, have settled it this morning that it shall now be fired at. The picquets continue to be locked in Land Port gateway, and Sallee Port, and the Governor keeps the key. At about 5 p.m. our lower batteries began to play at the new battery.

24th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. Last night a false alarm of gun-boats. Our batteries kept up a very heavy fire till yesterday evening, when they ceased, and the Dons pursue their work ; several men killed and wounded. The men have so much curiosity, notwithstanding the firing they have already seen, that they crowd the Line Wall the moment anything is going forward, and it is amazing more of them are not hurt.

1. Lieut. Bernard McNamara.

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25th. Wind and weather the same, a little rain. A.M. The Dons fired about 33 shells and 35 shot at our working parties, and we have ceased firing at them because our own works want repairing. Lime and mortar scarce on Government's account, though an individual can make it. Several people wounded at work, Old Mole, raising the mortar epaulment with fascines. Lights thought not to be necessary at guards. Painted spots put at the centries' posts. Two old guns fastened across the gorge of an embrasure saved the gun, when a shell fell on and broke the uppermost. The Officers riot a little.

25th. Wind the same, fresh and cold. The Dons fired at guard mounting. Exchange at 40.

28th. Wind the same. Several signals made by their forts and shipping, and a xebeck sent away to the eastward. They break several shells over the Town and working parties. On complaint that the sick have not room enough at the hospital, all the interlopers are turned out, but the Governor's housekeeper; and Dr. B—— is not to have a whole ward to himself.

30th. Wind the same, squally and rain. Last night a cutter attempted to get in, but was attacked by their gun-boats and xebecks which she engaged till about 3 a.m., and then struck. The moon is nearly at full, and the wind falls off at night. They put a xebeck's top-gallant sail upon the cutters they fit out.

31st. Wind the same, very fine weather. Last night arrived the *Unicorn* cutter, ordnance stores, and four Farro boats laden provisions, &c. The Dons have picketed out a new battery, 5 embrasures, to the westward of the new battery.

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1st. Thursday. Wind and weather the same. Last night two 58th died of spotted fever, and A.M. one 12th shot himself. The Dons very bold now, and bring their carts, &c., into the advanced works.

4th. Wind easterly. The *Fortune* prame¹ fitted out and anchored with the others. They make infinite better practice than the batteries. One of the guard deserted from Land Port, and was fired at by all the Lines, but he got safe; our soldiers can do anything better than hit a mark. The Dons fired a great deal. Another deserted last night from Water Port. A Field Officer to visit the hospitals now every Monday, instead of a Captain. Lemons and onions are bought for the sick and scorbutic.

1. See illustration.

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5th. About 11 a.m. and very high in the air were seen three things like kites with very long tails, going towards the eastward. The Dons have dressed their ships, and fired accordingly in honour of San Carlos. The above cutter threw about 20 tons of her cargo overboard, having been chased. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 p.m. came the gun-boats, about 20 of them, 21st time, but threw rather short. Lieut. F——, ¹ 73rd, lost his leg, and Ensign E——, ² 56th, and one 58th wounded.

6th. Tuesday. Wind westerly. A man or two that came with the boats are taken up as spies, and one, a native of Gibraltar, has confessed he was sent here for that purpose. The Line Wall about Montagu and the Demi-Bastions very much damaged by their shot, and our men in the works do anything but work. Old junk has been hung over the batteries and has preserved them very much.

8th. Wind easterly. A French convoy going through. Last night sailed Pratts for Algiers. A Danish Dogger, having got very near to Europa, was kept a heavy fire on, and the shots fell on all sides, but a galley having sent her boat on board her, their men took her off. It seems nothing criminal can be proved against the spy, indeed one would be led to think that no one could be of service to them here in that capacity.

10th. Wind the same, and fine weather. The Dons threw about 3 or 4 shells in the night, which they now burst in the air.

12th. Wind the same and fresh. This being the birthday of the Prince of Asturias they have saluted accordingly, and opened a 6 gun battery in the rear and west of the other. A General Court Martial to try Lt. T. W——, 72nd, about a dispute with Lt. J. V——, of the same. The sick officers that could be put out of the hospital were yesterday turned out by the Governor. The details of the duty lessened about 15 men.

13th. Wind the same, which generally goes down with the sun. About 6 a.m. arrived the *Phoenix*, cutter, ordnance stores, &c., and Brigadier Ross. About 3 p.m. appeared a cutter, chased into the Gut by a frigate, and she standing too close to the Barbary shore, the gun-boats got out and attacked her till about 9, when they took her. A vessel, to get into Gibraltar, must get within gun-shot of Cabareta Point, and stand straight for the place, otherwise they are in danger of

1. Lieut. John Frazer.

2. Ensign Edgar.

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going behind the Rock, by the force of the current, and then lie at the mercy of all their vessels. The batteries keep firing small shells out of guns, &c., but the Dons scarcely answer them, they can now work with impunity, and the cutters they take furnish them with guns and ammunition.

16th. Wind the same. A.M. The Dons fired 66 shells and 68 shot; several people killed and wounded; we have about 300 men working at Water Port. Splinters from their shells come to B. Town and as far as the Hospital.

19th. Wind the same. The Dons throw long rangers now, from the Mill Battery, all about the South Barracks. Arrived a boat from Farro, 40 sheep, lemons, and some bad tea. Three sailed, the other two had packets, but are taken; they say seven cutters are also taken; the Dons have two of them stationed at the Point. In reading Don Quixote I find a resemblance between their keeping Goletta in Africa, and our keeping Gibraltar; theirs in remembrance of the conquests of Charles the 5th, and ours of the once great trade we had up the Mediterranean.

21st. Wind south easterly, fine weather. Last night came in 2 deserters, Walloons, one a corporal. The Dons continue their long rangers, and the splinters fly all about, even to Bona Vista. Lt. —, 58th, resigned. A shell from No. 2 at Fort Phillip fell opposite our 8 gun battery. The *Unicorn* gone out of the Mole, that being at present a dangerous place.

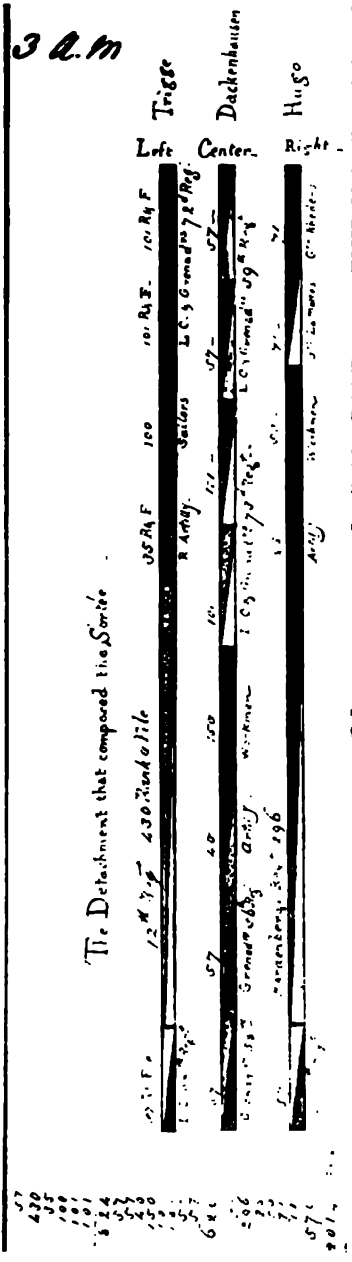
22nd. Wind westerly. A traverse is now building before the guard-room door at Water Port. Brigadier Ross not being satisfied with having turned a major, a Captain, and Sub, out of the house on Scud Hill, has now changed to Windmill Hill, and there turned out a Captain and 5 Subs. One 58th deserted.

24th. Wind the same and very fresh, and rain. The boom breaks frequently. Some tents blown down. The workmen have the same pay as in time of peace, only 2 reals per day, let him be carpenter, mason, or labourer. The Dons fire only by fits and starts.

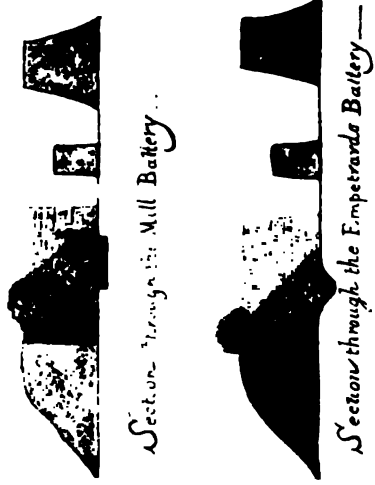
27th. Wind and weather the same. About 12 last night a detachment of the Garrison assembled on the Red Sands, and waited for the moon's going down at about 3 a.m., when they marched out at Land Port, under command of the Governor by the name of Brigadier Ross, and attacked, burnt, and destroyed the Dons' New, and Advanced, Batteries, and returned to their quarters before daylight, with loss of only 4 killed and 17 wounded, and 1 (Rheden's) missing; one

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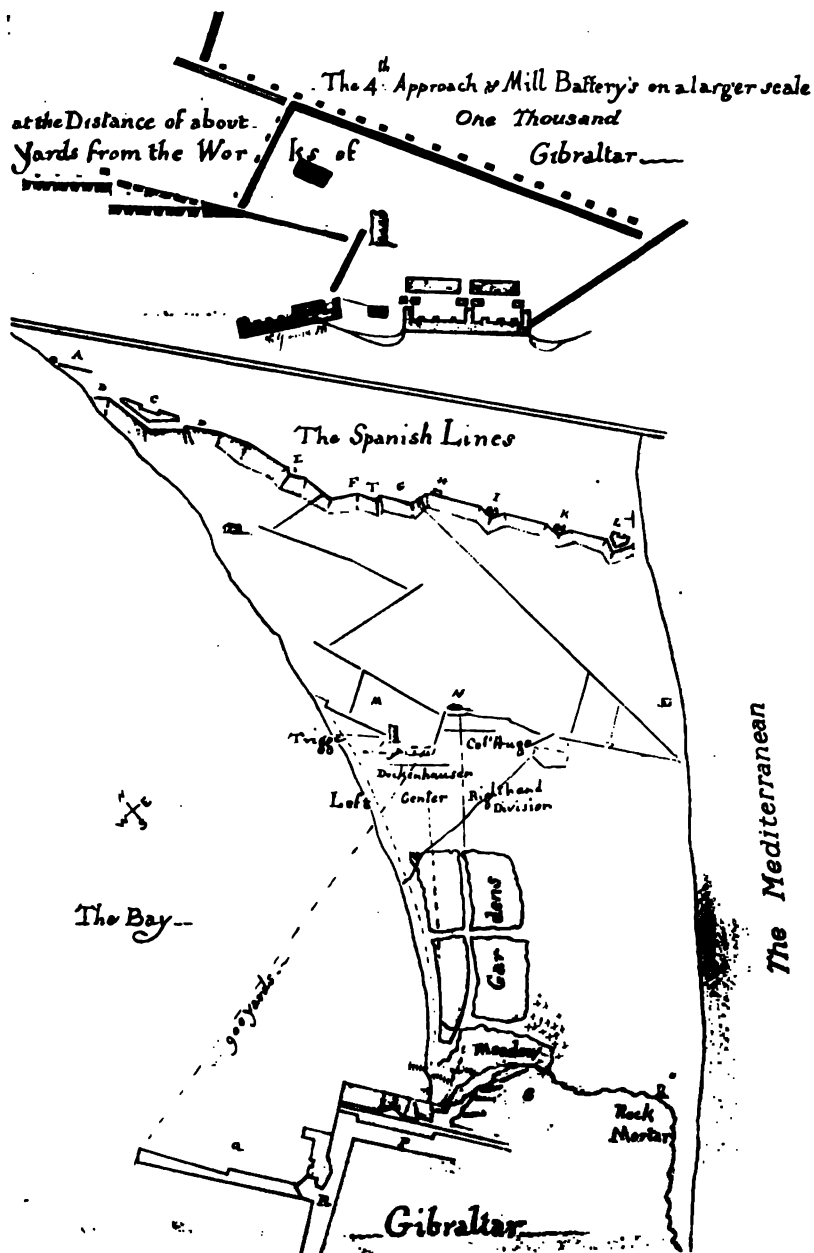
The Detachment that composed the Sortie



- A. Black Battery 12 Guns
- B. Mortar D° N° 1
- C. Fort Phillip 24 Guns
- D. Mortar Battv N° 2
- E. The 7 Gun Ditto
- F. The Western 14 D°
- G. The Eastern D°
- H. Mortar D° N° 3
- I. D° N° 4
- K. D° N° 5
- L. Fort Barbara 22 G
- M. Mill Batteries & Approaches
- N. Old Guard Houses
- O. Devils Tower
- P. Gravel Battery
- Q. Old Mole & Water Port
- R. Montagu Bastion
- S. Willis's Batteries
- T. Mortar Battery.



Arrangement of Troops for the Sortie, with Sections of the Spanish Batteries, and key to the plan opposite.



Plan of the Sortie.



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12th, two Hardenburg's, and one 73rd killed, Lieut. Tweedy, 12th, 4 sailors, and a serjeant 39th, wounded. Two officers¹ were brought in with 10 privates, prisoners.²

28th. Wind the same, and rain. At about 3 a.m. the Work still on fire, and some of the loaded shells going off. The Dons threw up a rocket, and continued incessant fire, cannon, small arms, &c., on the Work for the space of an hour, supposing our second attack.

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2nd. Sunday. Wind easterly. At about 5 a.m. Europa fired a shot at a gun-boat that came within 2 degrees elevation. Flag of truce yesterday. They fire a good deal. It seems the Porcupines have picked up some of the wreck of a gun-boat.

3rd. Wind westerly, and some rain. A.M. A sailor belonging to the *Speedwell* took a fishing boat, and was got near the Spanish shore, when some fishermen followed and brought them back.

4th. Wind and weather the same. A Flag of truce with things for the prisoners with the Walloons' compliments³ and thanks for our care of them. Six hundred and forty odd sick are now in the Hospital. The Spaniards put from 13 to 18 lbs. of powder in their 13-inch mortars to reach the Town from their Lines, and from 22 to 26 for their long rangers, but their lb. is heavier than ours. Their patrols come very near since the sortée, and the guns at All's Well are frequently fired at them.

1. Baron von Helmstadt, Captain in the Walloon Guards; and Don Vicente Vasquez Freire, Lieutenant in the Artillery; the latter taken prisoner in a battery by Captain Whitham, R.A.

2. It is practically certain that Captain Spilsbury took part in this sortie, as his name appears in the Garrison Orders for the day, among those of the Officers relieved from other duties, and directed to rejoin their regiments, for the purpose of this expedition.

3. A cloak, bag of clothes and purse of money for each officer.

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5th. Wind the same, and fine weather, but chiefly to the northward this winter, therefore rather keen weather. The Dons have picketed out a work in the front of the Old Mole Battery. Our batteries have fired a great deal at the Middle Stone Guard House, but find even that is too far off to hurt much.

6th. Wind and weather the same. G. Orders, no Officer of the Line to presume to interfere in pointing a gun, or give directions concerning it, but when on guard, if found necessary, they are to apply to the Artillery who are there for that purpose.

7th. Wind the same. About 8 a.m. guns were fired along the Spanish coast, and a cutter came in sight, and was engaged with the gun-boats till nearly within reach of Europa, when a round of grape cut her rigging so as to make her ungovernable, when she struck. One 56th found at the foot of the Demi-Bastion, supposed attempting to desert.

10th. Wind the same, and rain for these two or three days. The Dons have had 2 Saints' days together and fired as usual.

11th. Wind and weather the same. Several of the houses in Town thrown down by the wind and rain. The men are falling off so fast that officers' servants are obliged to go to "real" and store work. A sloop taken.

12th. Wind easterly, and rain. Many of our stone and clay houses, tents, and traverses spoilt by the weather. A flag of truce to let the Pratick Master¹ know of the Emperor of Russia's benefaction to him as Russian Consul. The men only one night in bed. The *Phoenix* gone out of the Mole.

13th. Wind and weather the same. Last night sailed the *Unicorn* and a boat for Farro. One hundred men are taken out of the work, by application, on account of the sickliness of the Garrison.

14th. Wind and weather the same. Last night sailed the *Phoenix*, and a boat to Farro, which put back, the weather being too rough. The *Porcupine* came into the Mole. Our wounded Officers badly provided for in the Hospital, no fire. One 56th found dead under the S gun battery having fallen over the Line Wall.

16th. Wind the same. The Dons have begun to repair some of their advanced works and have been much fired on; they return it. The *Brilliant* came into the Mole.

1. Mr. Leeds Booth.

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17th. Wind the same and fine weather, some rain. Last night about 7 o'clock a shell fell through the barricade, entrance of the great cave, Queen's Lines, and wounded the serjeant, drum, and 9 men of the guard. Our batteries fire very hard at their supposed working parties, and they return it; about 17 men wounded yesterday. About midnight their patrols formed a line in the east end of Governor's meadow and kept up a running fire of small arms, about 50 musquet shot, against the Rock. A.M. The *Speedwell* came into the Mole.

STATE OF THE GARRISON BEFORE THE SORTÉE.

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As, of the remainder, many were children, and the worst men, by reason of the flank companies going out, the Sortée was composed of about half the Garrison. It seems another memorial has been given in for extra pay for the Officers.¹

19th. Wind westerly and rain. Last night arrived two ordnance store ships. The Dons go on with their work, about 500 men, and a brisk fire is kept up on both sides, and several people wounded, &c.

21st. Wind easterly. The batteries fired at a vessel that came near the back of the Rock. It appears that when the Dons began to fire on this place, they had 47 thirteen-inch mortars, and about 70 guns, 26 pounders, that bore upon us; they fire now about 20 mortars only. Much firing in the night; they are now laying platforms.

22nd. Wind the same. Last night sailed three boats for Farro, and General Ross. A large convoy coming from the eastward.

23rd. Wind the same. The Dons are bringing fascines to the 4th approach, on about 20 carts, which our batteries fired about 6 barrels of powder at. They are making a work at the Middle Stone Guard House. The well at Windmill Hill loses the water.

1. According to Drinkwater no official reply was received to this second petition.

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24th. Wind the same, and extreme fine weather. Some potatoes, come by the last two ships, sell at auction for 3 reals 14 qts. per lb., which, at 40 pence for 3 shillings (the present exchange) is near 1s. 8d. sterling per lb. The frigates in the Mole have bent their sails.

25th. Delightful weather. A flag of truce yesterday.

26th. Wind the same. A flag of truce. Their line-of-battle ship going to the westward.

29th. Wind westerly, and foggy weather. Last night died the Baron Helms-tadt, ensign in the Walloon Guards, with the rank of captain, and lost his leg at the Mill Battery when taken prisoner. A.M. A flag of truce to send his body to the camp, and it was escorted by the Grenadier Company 12th Regt. to the New Mole, where they fired three rounds over it.¹

1. The funeral procession is officially recorded as follows:—

The 12th Company of Grenadiers with reversed arms.

Musick playing a Dirge.

The Town Major, a Lt. of R^l. Navy. The Governor's Secretary

Boy carrying a lantern with two lighted candles.

Boy carrying a vessel of Holy Water.

Spanish Church-Warden carrying a small Cross.

Vicar of Spanish Church repeating funeral service.

The Corpse, dressed in full

uniform in a Coffin cover'd with black cloth and white furniture.

the Baron's sword and scabbard cross'd over the Pall.

Bearers.

Six Captains.

Don Vicente Vasquez Freire, Sub-Lieutenant of Artillery, Prisoner of War (to whom the Governor presented a sword, his own being left behind when the Advanced Batterys were stormed) as Chief Mourner.

Sir Charles Knowles, Baronet, Captain of the *Porcupine*, and the Adjutant General.

Captain Curtis, commanding the Squadron, with the Governor and his Staff.

Major General La Motte.

Suite of Officers.

Three volleys fired on the Coffin being put into the boat.

ON THE WATER.

Sir Charles Knowles and the Adjutant General in 1st Barge.

In 2nd Barge.

The Town Major, Naval Lieut., and Secretary with the Coffin which was delivered over to a Captain of Lusitania, who, with persons apparently of Civil Departments, came to receive it.

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1st. Tuesday. Wind the same, and fine weather. Our people are putting up the cassons of Princess Ann's Battery, Willis', before which they expose a curtain, which the Dons have fired at.

2nd. Wind easterly. A schooner taken. Mutton a cob per lb. A flag of truce. Line-of-battle ship gone out.

4th. Wind the same. Arrived the *St. Phillip's Castle*, late *Hannah*, from Minorca. The Dons work hard. All presents are sold at auction, Governor's and all. English corned beef sells at $7\frac{1}{2}$ reals per lb.

10th. Wind westerly and fresh, some rain. The Hospital clearing of provisions.

11th. Wind the same. Last night sailed the *St. Phillip's Castle* to the eastward. The Dons have made 4 embrasures at the Middle Guard House. Several people wounded, &c.

13th. One of Rheden's deserted from Land Port, and, being fired at, their camp was alarmed, and their lines fired grape, &c., suspecting another sortée.

14th. Wind easterly and fresh. Last night sailed the *Henry* and *Mercury* for England, and several merchants, &c., also Lts. Fraser, 73rd, and Tweedy, 12th, and the officer¹ and 9 men taken at the Mill Battery.

16th. Wind westerly. A.M. Two cutters stood near, and gone through; the Dons gone in chase with their whole force. Our people drink hard, and die fast.

17th. Wind the same and fresh. A Spanish frigate came from the west. Lieut. B——, Engineers, out of his senses. Officers begin to pay duty for liquor.

20th. Wind and weather the same. An old inhabitant says this fine winter is to be compared to the year 1750, and none since. A.M. The 12th Regiment relieves Rheden's in the Picquet Yard, and La Motte's the 56th in the King's Bastion, the 58th the 12th, North Pavilion, and Rheden's La Motte's, South Pavilion, and the Hanoverians have nine months in barracks. The spy is informed he is to be hanged on the 4th next month.² Many of their gun-boats not yet

1. The Official record states "The Governor paid Captain Davies, the Master, 15 guineas for Don Vicente's table, and gave him 100 cobs, for which, with 100 paid before, he pass'd receipt, Mr. Raleigh having paid him at same time 20 cobs more for 2nd Edition of Don Quixote's works."

2. He was afterwards pardoned "on condition of his constantly serving on board His Majesty's ships during the present war, and that he never again setts his foot ashore in this Fortress."

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returned from the chase. Reviews are talked of, and drills begun, though it appears some of the Regiments have 8 or 10 nights on duty for one in bed. Windmill Hill clearing for the parade.

23rd. Wind easterly, and cloudy weather. Firing as usual. A.M. They fired 7 and 9 guns smack, at two different times.

24th. Wind the same. About 1 p.m. our batteries began to play on their advanced works, and a very hot fire ensued on both sides. Some people killed and wounded.

25th. Wind westerly. At 1 p.m. began to fire again, but about 3 left off; the Work was on fire, but they put it out.

27th. Wind the same, fresh, and cloudy weather. The Dons have laid 4 heaps of fascines to the east, and near the further gardens. A 12 gun battery is said to have been picketed out there before the sortée. Firing as usual.

29th. Wind the same, and some rain. Last night arrived 3 cutters, the 2 that went through, one of them carrying 26 nine-pounders, the other from Lisbon; *Lively*, *Tartar* and *Viper*. The Dons have put up a blind about 40 yards long, to the eastward, to imitate us.

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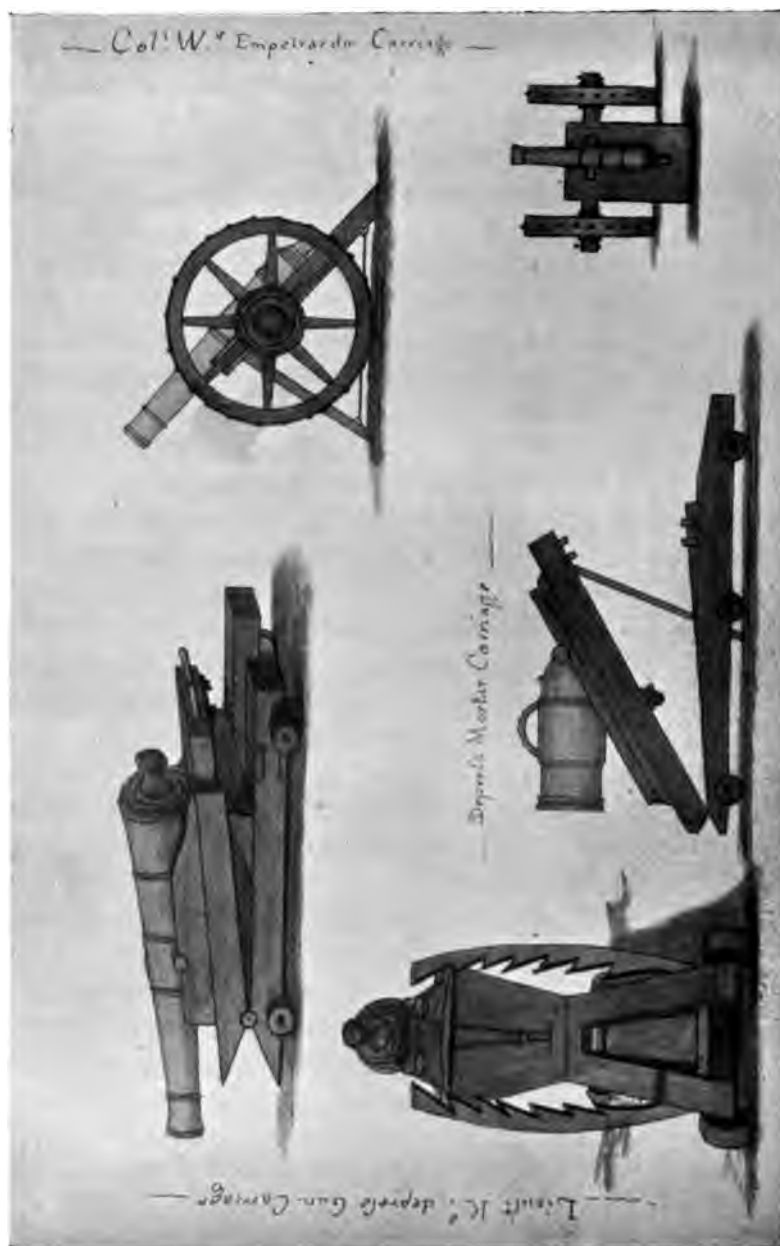
1st. Friday. Wind and weather the same. Several stone balls of different sizes found in the ruins of the Moorish Castle, and cells all over the yard. Tried Lieut. Kaylors¹ depress gun-carriage, which answers from the heights. One 72nd deserted. Some tea, come in the cutters, sold from 9 dollars 3 to 6 dollars 7 per lb.

4th. Wind and weather the same. Last night several guns fired at or about the Point. A.M. Two xebecs anchored there. They have got gabions into the gardens. Our batteries are repairing with ship timber, like port-holes. They are making small ditches in the front of their works, in case of another sortée.

8th. Wind the same. About 2 p.m. a shell fell on a mortar at Willis', fired the gun, and a box of live shells.

10th. Wind the same. Last night arrived a boat and a schooner from Farro.

1. Lieutenant Koehler, R.A.; the gun-carriage is shown in the illustration.



Lieutenant Koehler's Depress Gun Carriage, and Colonel Williams' Empetrardo Carriage. (Author's descriptions)



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CASUALTIES FOR LAST YEAR 1781.

	Killed.	Disabled.	Wounded.
Officers	3	2	13
Serjeants	9	7	20
Drummers	—	1	7
Rank and File	135	56	284

264 died ; 114 discharged ; 27 deserted.

The Dons' computed expence of ammunition : shot 102,031 ; shells 28,943 ; powder about 16,000 barrels, a cwt. each. Our expence of ammunition about 1952 barrels of powder, and 16,010 rounds of shot, shells, &c.

About 5 p.m. arrived another boat from Farro. Port wine sells 9 dollars per dozen.

12th. Wind the same, and fine weather. The booms have been broke by the late bad weather. A boat from here went to Farro for fruit, &c., but was put off for a day or two in landing them tho' spoiling ; no encouragement. A.M. The men at exercise in town, with the shot and shells falling about them.

15th. Wind and weather the same. Arrived a polacre from Falmouth. The depressed gun carriage got up to the Royal Battery, and made use of. Some of the gun-boats were lost following the cutters, and now they are not so venturesome.

17th. Wind the same and cold, much snow on the mountains. Last night arrived a brig from Falmouth. A.M. Arrived the *Flying Fish*, cutter¹ ; in coming round Cabaretta Point a xebeck attacked her, and was glad to go astern, a frigate then and three gun-boats, but they behaved very ill, and the cutter behaved well and came safe in ; her stern guns graped them well, and the batteries hit them. The frigate went to Blackstrap. About 1 a.m. a small brig from Ireland came off Europa, and though desired frequently to anchor near the other shipping, she came to back Old Mole and drove on shore ; the Dons have fired about 300 shot at her ; the master deserved hanging, for destroying other peoples property.

19th. Wind and weather the same. The Dons get on with their work ; they put their blind at one place, and worked at another. Our people employed during the night, unloading the brig ; they fire at her only by day.

1. Joseph Anthony, Superintendent and Master.

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20th. Wind easterly. Exercise as usual. They have almost finished their 13 gun battery, and laid the foundation of another to the eastward.

21st. Wind the same, and rain. Last night arrived a tartan from Leghorn, and the 3 cutters sailed, following a number of vessels going through. The Dons set fire to something, and made us believe the Mill Battery on fire, at which we fired a good deal.

23rd. Wind the same, and cloudy weather. The Dons work hard. About 1 p.m. arrived the *Mercury*¹ from Portugal laden wine, lemons, &c., where she had been sent by the Governor, and for secrecy brought back the passengers that went in her for England; she was attacked by the xebeckeen and frigate, who behaved very ill; on the other hand she behaved extremely well, stood right in for the place, reserved his fire for the frigate, and drove her astern. The 12th Regiment a field day on Windmill Hill. About 4 p.m. the Dons fired a feu de joye, and dressed out their ships.

24th. Wind and weather the same. Last night arrived the *St. Anne*, store-ship. A.M. The 12th Regiment reviewed on Windmill Hill, and the Officers dined with the Governor.

26th. Wind the same, rain. Last night a shell fell upon No. 16 Casemate, Picquet Yard, about 2 feet from the door end, excavated about 3 feet deep and 4 diameter, and cracked the arch. The timber for two gun-boats, 500 barrels of powder, and some camp equipage are come in the *St. Anne*. A flag of truce yesterday.

28th. Wind easterly. Last night arrived a ship from Leghorn, laden bricks, timber, &c., for Government. Potatoes fallen to 12 qts. per lb.

MARCH.

1st. Friday. Wind the same. Four or five gun-boats cruising in the Bay. A.M. A flag of truce. Minorca taken. One 58th died drunk.

2nd. Wind the same, and rain. About 5 a.m. the west end of the 13 gun battery, as it proves to be, set on fire, and much firing ensued, and several people wounded. The Dons have marked out a new encampment, and they have several vessels at the Orange Grove.

1. Captain Heighington.

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3rd. Wind westerly, and cloudy weather. One deserted and another missing, 58th and 72nd.

4th. Wind easterly, and rain. It appears the Governor has ordered the Artillery not to make reports or returns to the Lt.-Governor.

5th. Wind and weather the same. Last night arrived a settée from Algiers, and sailed the *Plying Fish*. Some people killed. A shell fell among 150 men drawing some timber, and only one was a little hurt. The batteries fire at the Spanish General when they see him.

6th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. General La Motte's Regt. reviewed on the Red Sands; a shell or two fell just over them. The ordnance vessels have now orders to take no passengers. The cutter forgot two packets of letters. The Town Guards mount to-morrow at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 a.m., and the South $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7.

10th. Wind the same. The Dons have raised the fascine work to the Eastward. Last night our batteries began a heavy fire, carcasses, &c., on the New Works, but don't appear to have done it much damage. Lt. Cuppage, Artillery, wounded by a shell that burst leaving the Rock Gun. Our people don't agree about the head and stern of our gun-boats. Their gun-boats begin to cruize again in the Bay; several people wounded.

11th. Wind the same. Last night sailed a boat from Farro; the *Mercury* attempted it, but put back. Much firing.

13th. Wind the same. Last night arrived a boat from Algiers; a boat sailed for Farro. The Dons make good practice at our workmen.

15th. Wind westerly, much firing. 8 p.m. a fire in camp. Our people removing powder.

16th. Wind the same, and rain. P.M. One 72nd killed by a musquet, that was not unloaded when brought off guard.

22nd. Wind the same, and fresh. Last night several guns heard to the Westward. The fascined ditches made round their works are a good deal filled by the sand. They fire a good deal, having got a recruit of ammunition. The windmill on Windmill Hill burnt itself by the wind.

24th. Wind the same, and rain. Last night arrived the *Vernon*, storeship, the *Cerberus*¹ and *Apollo*² frigates, and 4 transports, having on board the 97th Regt.,

1. Captain Mann.

2. Captain Hamilton.

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and 70 drafts for the Garrison. A.M. The west end of the Mill Battery took fire. The Dons fire much at our shipping.

25th. Wind easterly, and rain. A flag of truce to send the Officers of the captured Spanish frigate into Spain, on their parole. A foreigner walking about fell down a precipice of about 150 feet high, struck 3 times on rocks, &c., before he got to the ground, and was not hurt.

27th. Wind the same. Our people employed repairing, and making traverses, on Grand Battery, and pulling down Land Port bridge. They work to the Westward and have 3 frigates cruizing in the Gut. Several people wounded lately. They have both guns and mortars in the advanced works.

29th. Wind westerly. The Dons have blown off some of their guns, Advanced Work, and appear to be making a lodgment by the Devil's Tower, and running a communication to it from the Mill Battery. Several Captains have taken great pains to get home and to sell out, but refused. The 97th Regiment very sickly and the Hospital much crowded.

30th. Wind the same, some rain. The Dons saluted, &c., in honour of the day.

APRIL.

1st. Wind and weather the same. Yesterday evening the Eastern Work was set on fire, and burnt 4 hours, and a great fire ensued on both sides. Last night arrived a boat from Farro, 90 sheep, &c.

2nd. Wind the same. Last night came in a deserter, and one 39th deserted from Land Port and was much fired at; he had stolen a watch, and died as soon as he got to their works. Two Officers 73rd had a duel, one wounded both feet. The Dons have another encampment.

5th. Wind the same, fine weather. The Dons worked hard. A shell, falling at the foot of Grand Battery wall, discovered a very large drain, that had only just been slightly stopped up on the outside. They had an alarm in their camp last night. Last month we lost 30 men to the service.

10th. Wind the same, cold weather. A.M. As Lieut. Whetham, of the 12th, was marching off the Spur Guard, a shell burst and killed him, his servant lost his arm, and the drum was broke to pieces on the drummer's back. Last night sailed a settée to the eastward. Arrived a boat from Farro.



Moorish Castle and Grand Battery from Land Port Ditch.

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17th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A General Court Martial to try one 12th Regt., for assaulting the above drummer. He stood in the pillory. A drummer boy 58th fell from a house he was getting wood in, and was killed on the spot. One of our gun-boats launched. The Town is now nearly destroyed, and strict orders are given against carrying wood through South Port. The 97th Regt. extremely sickly. The Spanish Camp increased, and they have several frigates over the way. Expect an attack on Land Port Guard.

18th. Wind the same, and hard rain. The Dons have made a great number of traverses, and a work about $\frac{1}{2}$ way across the Isthmus for small arms, a gate also east end of the 4th branch, and repaired the Empetrardo Battery. People wounded, much firing.

20th. Wind the same, and cold weather. A.M. The Master of the *Unicorn* returned in the ship *Antigallican*, laden ordnance stores. Last night sailed the ship for Leghorn that came from thence. A shell fell in the front 12th Regt. at roll-call, on the Esplanade; nobody hurt.

21st. Wind the same. Regiments changed quarters, the 12th, 58th, and Hanoverians to camp, 39th and 72nd to the Pavilions, and the 73rd and De la Motte's to Town. One 73rd killed by a piece of timber falling on him. Splinter-proofs making of the ships' sides, which answers for an arch. A picquet was demanded from the 97th, but they could not furnish it. So much for young Regiments.

24th. Wind the same, and squally weather. The men served oil instead of some of the cheese, and the inhabitants that drew provisions are in general struck off. The Dons make very good practice. Captain Lutzow of Rheden's dead.

25th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Came in a deserter. The 97th still sickly and dying fast; their fever is contagious, and others of the Garrison have it.

27th. Wind the same. Most people are building huts, particularly the Hanoverians. All in great expectation of the general attack by the Dons. A.M. The last of the launches taken from the Dons sunk, being overladen, and a man and boy drowned. The clock put up at the South Barracks. Two French vessels gone through and have given the Dons a good chase. A Spanish Officer killed.

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19th. Wind the same and fresh. Our new gun-boats row well and make good launches. The Dons are cutting down their ships at Algazeras. Three 58th deserted last night, but, being pursued to-day they threw themselves down the back of the Rock, and their bodies were found below.

20th. Wind easterly. Many ships gone through, French men-of-war, &c., and their cruizers are making signals, &c., constantly. The above man 12th tried and acquitted. A snow taken.

21st. Wind the same. Last night sailed three boats from Farro. A.M. A sailor drowned. Some English sheep sold for 70 or 80 dollars, fowls 8 dollars per couple.

22nd. Wind westerly. The Dons work hard at their ships. The *Speedwell*, cutter, made a sloop of war. Eighty dollars given for a sheep that cost 4 shillings at Portsmouth. Exchange 39 and 40. But little bread to be sold.

23rd. Wind the same. Every now and then a very cold morning, at other times very hot weather. The Dons appear to have executed an officer in camp by shooting him. They have fired a great deal, and by volleys, at our working parties. It appears about 400 of the 97th are now fit for duty.

25th. Wind easterly. At 6 a.m. arrived a small xebec, privateer, 10 guns, from Leghorn with dispatches for the Governor, and to inform him of the preparations making by Spain and France for the attack of this place. An Officer¹ and 12 Corsicans intended for Minorca are arrived in her. A Serjt 97th stabbed himself in two places. One 12th, drunk, fell down the Hill and fractured his skull. Some ships are sailed from the Orange Grove, heavy laden.

26th. Wind the same. Last night arrived a tartan from Algiers, and brought about 100 butts of wine, &c. A.M. A large fleet in sight, supposed the Duke de Crillon. P.M. About 114 sail arrived in the Bay with only a line-of-battle ship, and 2 or 3 xebecs or frigates, to attend them. Last night the Dons' new barracks under the Queen of Spain's Chair was burnt down. About 9 sail of Russians gone through.

27th. Wind the same. P.M. Forty odd sail going through.

28th. Wind the same, and a little rain. A flag of truce. A great number of vessels gone through.

1. Signor Antonio Armente.

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29th. Wind westerly. The convoy gone to Blackstrap. The Corsicans taken among the Regiments. Lieut. Whetham, 58th, to do duty in the Artillery when he chooses, and to command next to an officer.

30th. Wind the same. Corpus Christi Day, and the Dons expend their powder. A tartan taken last night. A.M. A flag of truce. More northerly wind this winter than remembered before; it seldom rains at that time, and water is now very scarce.

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2nd. Sunday. Wind the same. A.M. Died Brigadier-General Staunton, Colonel 97th Regt. The Dons fire very little. An officer and 12 men added to Little Bay Guard two or three days ago.

3rd. Wind easterly. About 100 sail of vessels going through.

4th. Wind the same. At 1 p.m. 44 rounds, shot, were fired at the enemies' works, which they returned by two Royal Salutes, and several shells. Our 12 gun-boats being finished, they, with the shipping, fired also. The King being 44 years old.

7th. Wind the same. A.M. In practising red-hot shot from the King's Bastion, one man was blown to pieces and three wounded. Two brigs from the eastward alarmed the whole tribe of Dons. A gallery is blasting in the north face of the Rock above Willis' to get to the Hook, or a prominent piece of rock, to make a battery there. One man is killed and two wounded. Captain Vedeberg, Rheden's, wounded at Queen's Lines.

8th. Wind the same. Several vessels coming from the eastward. It seems the Major 97th put a seal and lock on the effects of the late Colonel Staunton, though his wife was here, and the Governor ordered them to be opened. The Dons fire a good deal to-day.

9th. Wind the same, and very hot weather. No water to be carried by mules from Ragged Staff or Fountain.

10th. Wind westerly. The Dons have been sounding, and fixing buoys, for some days past, at the distance of about random shot from our prames. About 2 a.m. an alarm from one of the prames, who fired a shot. One of the Corsicans in the 39th stabbed one of the others with a knife yesterday, who is since dead.

11th. Wind the same, cool pleasant weather. Last night sailed the xebek privateer for Leghorn. A.M. One 12th taken up at the back of the Rock,

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almost dead, and a corporal in liquor was to all appearance drowned, but restored. One 97th got down the back of the Rock, but is re-taken. About 10 a.m. an expence magazine, Princess Anne's battery, Willis', blew up by a shell from the Dons, about 100 barrels of powder in it; about 5 men were blown down into the Lines, 30 men were killed and wounded, of which 15 are lost to the service. The Dons huzzaed, and kept up a heavy fire; its explosion burst open the doors of the other magazines. The Officers' servants go on fatigue work, the Regiments not being able to find their quota of men.

12th. Wind the same. Last night came a very heavy, showery rain, and cooled the air very much. A fire broke out three times in the rubbish of the late magazine last night, but the Dons did not see it, as they did not fire; they gave three cheers when it blew up. Several men wounded to-day. About 40 men were lost to the service last month.

13th. Wind the same. P.M. One of the Savoy lads, 58th Regt., deserted from Land Port, centry, being his 15th time; he was fired at by the Lines, &c., but got off.

14th. Wind easterly and very hot weather. A.M. A General Court Martial to try the deserter 97th, and the Corsican, who was acquitted. About 3 p.m. a xebeck was under the guns, becalmed, and disabled by the prames; our gun-boats went out, but began firing a great deal too soon, and, in short, did all but what they ought to have done, and then came back again. Picquets are sent out to Land Port and an officer is kept all night in the Flèche.

17th. Wind westerly. A convoy to the eastward. P.M. 4 ships arrived to the Dons, one line-of-battle, and 3 for junk ships. They have fired a good deal, but Willis' has brought it on by firing at their guards, which they return. Two regiments arrived at their Camp, which appears now very large, and a very large hospital, or barrack, is building there. They have a great number of ships and vessels now in the Bay. The Surgeon of La Motte's dead. The 97th give a picquet of 40 men; this is the first time.

18th. Wind easterly. A French convoy arrived. Much firing to-day. They have begun on their 9th junk ship. Disposition, 12th and 56th, Line Wall in Town, as far north as the Zoca Battery, the 58th and Hardenberg's to be ready to go to Europa, and the rest to line the intermediate space of the Line Wall. Rheden's Regiment has only one Captain to do duty. The Mole Battery cassoning.

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20th. Wind the same ; thunder, lightning, and some drops of rain.

21st. Wind the same. About 6 a.m. arrived the patron and one man of a settee,¹ taken coming from Algiers, in a boat they got at Algazeras, and made their escape in. Little firing, but the Dons have worked.

26th. Wind the same and cool weather ; some thunder and lightning. The Dons have ceased firing. Rain and hail. The regiments fire ball now at marks over the Line Wall. Stone balls are made, and a hole bored in them to hold about 2 oz. powder, and they answer the purpose of shells.

27th. Wind westerly and fresh. Thunder, lightning and rain. Half the slope from the ditch at Land Port taken away, and a wooden stair-case made in the rear of Cover Port. The Old Guard House cleared away. Between 2 and 3 a.m. some Officers of the enemy came to under Forbes', and being challenged from the Queen's Lines, they desired the Captain, W ——², 58th, not to fire, and run off ; a court of enquiry of five Lt.-Colonels to sit upon it.

28th. Wind easterly. The regiments fire 6 rounds of ball.

29th. Wind the same, and cloudy weather. Thunder, lightning, and rain.

JULY.

1st. Wind westerly. Last night one 56th, in attempting to desert, fell down the back of the Rock ; his body is being brought to the Quarter Guard to be exposed. The junk ships getting in forwardness, and some appear to be very large. The other evening, when the 72nd were firing ball, one went on board a store-ship, and into an Officer's coat.

2nd. Wind the same. A.M. A xebeck going out was fired at by the store-ships, she returned a shot or two, but they hardly reached as far as the place where the store-ships' shot fell, so ridiculous do we make ourselves at times. The Dons are raising a kind of roof over their junk ships, by way of bomb, or splinter proof. P.M. The guns at the Signal House and Middle Hill fired at a vessel or two behind the Rock.

3rd. Wind the same. Last night sailed a tartan for Leghorn. A.M. A duel between Capt. H ——, 12th, and Capt. C ——, 39th, who is wounded in the thigh.

1. The *Pearl*, of Gibraltar, patron Viscovich.

2. Captain Woods.

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4th. Wind the same. Out of hopes at having no boat by this fine wind. Serjt. Ince's gallery going on well; 13 men, in about 5 weeks, have cut about 82 feet long by 8 feet high and broad, in the solid rock, North Face. The Spur Guard House removed, but we seem to have fewer men at work now, than when the Dons kept up a heavy fire at the workmen. All's Well, and Upper Forbes', cased with ship timber, and port-holed: a gun at Willis' laid for Bayside.

7th. Wind the same, fresh and cool. A.M. A brig taken. A miner killed in the gallery. A communication begun from the King's, to the Queen's, Lines.

8th. Wind the same. The man 97th, tried at the last General Court Martial for desertion, found on the top of the Rock, supposed to have deserted again. P.M. Some cartridges took fire in the laboratory, but the engines prevented much damage.

9th. Wind easterly. A small convoy arrived to the Dons. Practised with stone shells on the Red Sands. A house for the Governor building on Windmill Hill.

10th. Wind the same. Last night a serjt. 72nd deserted, and a party is sent in search of him. Some of the stone shells are very heavy, and have a colly-flower head coming out of the mortar.

11th. Wind the same. Several cruizers gone out to-day. One La Motte's found in a cave, having been absent for some days. About 1 p.m. 4 men from one of the prames went off in a boat. One 39th deserted from the Hospital.

12th. Wind changeable. One 73rd told his dream, and pretends foreknowledge, that this place will be taken in three weeks after it is attacked; the men have a number of stories among themselves, but their allowance of grog is drunk before night, and they are obliged to go to bed sober, so no wonder they have disagreeable dreams. Four gallons grog only to be sold by each wine-house, per day.

13th. Wind the same, and foggy weather, and very hot. One 58th deserted from the Queen's Lines before guard mounting, and, not being missed before the new guard came, a Court of Enquiry is to sit. The man 97th punished, and the serjt. 72nd is found behind the Rock. P.M. Ten of their gun-boats came within shot and were fired at a good deal by the shipping.

14th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. About 5 a.m. came in a deserter. The wine house is allowed to sell 8 gallons of grog, the rest not so much. A cow

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was killed and sells 7 and 10 reals per lb; sugar 9 reals per lb. It seems two of their junk ships are finished, and a boom is making to enclose all their shipping.

15th. Wind easterly. About 5 a.m., the 97th Regt. seen by the Governor. It seems we have 900 men employed daily in the works, yet they talk of a scarcity, and indeed they go on very slow, and do not take advantage of this cessation of firing. The Magazine at Willis' is not yet completed. Our great mortars are placed at a great distance from the magazines, and makes the labour very great in carrying shells of 200 weight, and ammunition, to them.

16th. Wind westerly. A convoy gone to the eastward. A General Court Martial tried the serjt. 72nd, and one 39th that got, or fell, down from Queen's Lines some time ago.

18th. Calm, hazy, and hot weather. Sour crout served to the Hanoverians, but it is nearly spoilt. Soldiers forbid to run or heat themselves. Sugar 14 reals per lb. and the officers are given so much trouble, when allowed to buy rum or brandy, that it is hardly worth it. Thermometer 88°.

19th. Wind and weather the same. A General Court Martial to try one 56th for desertion, and one 58th for stealing butter. Officers allowed to buy rum at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ pint each per day. It appears Capt. Billinge, 72nd, cannot get leave either to sell out or go home, but is kept to die here; what quintessence of humanity. It appears the Governor takes all the inhabitants money at 38d. per dollar, so that we can never get it for less than 39d. or 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; what management for us.

21st. Wind and weather the same. At 9 a.m. the 72nd Regt. and 2 companies of the Artillery relieved the 73rd Regt., and other 2 companies Artillery, in Town, who took up their quarters at the South. Their cruizers keep so good a look out that the store-ships cannot get away. Our Artillery make different experiments. About 5 a.m. a vessel going through from the westward, and the Dons firing several signal guns, two frigates and the cruizers gave chase, and left the coast clear, all but the gun-boats. The surgeons and mates to attend their wards every morning at sunrise, and the mates not to be absent till noon, without leave from the Surgeons. The mate—in arrest. The 97th Regt. not allowed to take down the Garrison Orders.

22nd. Wind westerly, cool and pleasant weather. A French convoy gone to the eastward. Our flour so full of wevles, &c., that a plum pudding has the appearance of a currant one.

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24th. Wind easterly, and hot weather. A.M. Sergt. - —, 72nd, hanged for desertion, him of the 58th acquitted, and him 56th forgiven. Last night the Lines fired a good deal musquetry at the Spanish patrols. Sugar a cob per lb. The mate out of arrest.

25th. Wind squally, and drops of rain. At 5 a.m. arrived the *St. Phillip's Castle*,¹ and *Hector*, cutter, from Algiers, laden wine, sugar, &c., and about 60 Corsicans.² At 1 p.m. the Dons were firing from their forts, shipping, and for the day, St. Jago or James, and all our guns on the heights were fired at the advanced works by way of answer, for Rodney's success. At sunset all the Garrison, except the 58th and Hardenberg's Regt., fired a feu de joye, lining the wall from Hesse's Battery to the New Mole.

26th. Wind variable. Last night arrived a boat from Farro.

27th. Wind the same. One 73rd killed falling into the well on Windmill Hill. Thermometer 88°.

30th. Wind westerly and cool weather. The Dons are burning their hills, which adds to the heat. Yesterday one 97th leaped over the wall on Windmill Hill, towards the Advance, and of course killed.

AUGUST.

3rd. Saturday. Wind and weather the same. The Dons have two fire-ships, two frigates, a xebec and several gun-boats, &c., at the Point. A General Court Martial to try Captain —, 72nd, for disobedience of orders and neglect of duty, in not turning out his guard at gun-firing in the morning, in not seeing the relief turned out, and in not keeping the night centries on during the fog; he is suspended for three months, but it seems he was drunk, and not able to mount his next guard, or he would not have been tried. Coarse powder sugar sells 9 and 10 reals per lb. at auction.

4th. Wind the same. The Corsicans are embodied, and quartered on Windmill Hill, and the 97th returned to Rosia; Paoli's relation, Capt. Leonati, a Capt., Lieut. and 3 other officers. The sail room and other buildings in the New Mole taking down, and the materials carrying to Rosia. No one to bath at the New Mole for desentcy's sake. A man of a Regt. sent to take the fish out of the Inundation; they die there, want of water.

1. An armed ship belonging to the Government; Lieut. John Parker in command.

2. Sigr. Philippo Massarin, Sigr. Antonio Leonetti, 2 other officers and 68 men.

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6th. Wind easterly. The Dons seem to have nearly finished their junk ships. White bread appears again at 1 real for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a lb. The 97th Regt. at exercise twice a day, and one half of them appeared to be equal to garrison duty. The Germans conduct themselves very differently from our young people, for, though young, sprightly and even buckish, they never appear in any riot, or in doing anything than can bear the least censure; how different their education.

7th. Wind westerly and cool. A.M. Came in a deserter, one 61st, who, after being prisoner at Minorea, enlisted in a French Regiment. Last night a serjt. and four men sent out to Lower Forbes'. The Corsicans at exercise. The Inundation to be cleared, &c., at night. Two powder vessels arrived to the Dons. One wine-house allowed to sell 8 gallons of rum per day, mixed in water at the rate of 2 to 1.

9th. Wind easterly. The tiles taking off the little magazine, Rosia, to strengthen the roof.

13th. Wind the same, foggy weather. The workmen in Town have found a deposit of cobs¹ and brandy, &c.; the cobs have the heart cut out, the old custom here. Biscuit is baking for the Garrison against the 25th inst., or supposed attack of the Dons. A man killed on board the *Porcupine* by accident.

14th. Wind westerly. Large fires in Spain that make it very hot here. The men, from their stories, appear very apprehensive. 97th and Corsicans at exercise.

15th. Wind the same. Air very hot and full of smoke, fires as above. Last night sailed a brig for Leghorn, having been long waiting with some others to get to the westward, but without effect. A.M. Salute at Ceuta, and their shipping salute frequently. The junk ships are rigging. The 97th give 120 men for night work; this is the 3rd night. A cavalier² is to be made on Montagu, and a covered way is making along the Town, by the side of the Rampart. Influenza prevails.

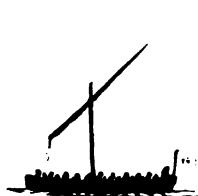
16th. Wind the same, squally, and drops of rain. The Dons have continued their parallel across the Isthmus to the sea, and a covered way to it from the entrance of the Lines; about 1800 yards during last night, without a shot being fired at them. Captain W—— had the batteries.

1. Corn-cobs.

2. A raised work above the bastion.



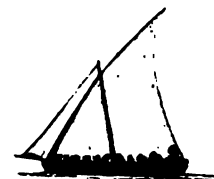
Pastora Junk Ship—Don Buena Ventura Moreno, Admiral.



Gun Boat.



Mortar Boat.



Gun Boat under sail.



Fortune, Prame.



Vanguard, Prame.



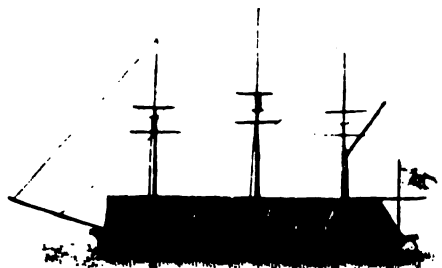
A Moorish Galley.



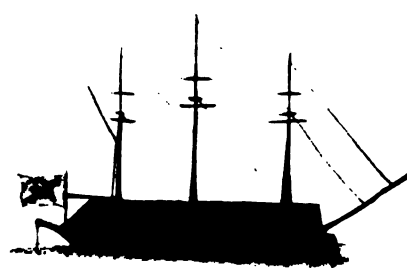
Repulse, Prame.



English Gun Boat.



Junk Ship as it appeared 6th September, 1782.



Spanish Junk Ships and Gun Boats, with English Gun Boat and Prames, and a Moorish Galley.

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18th. Wind the same, fresh and cool. A. M. The above deserter 61st put into the 56th Regt. A covered way making from the South to the Princess of Wales' Lines. The parsons exhort all to do their duty. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past noon the Dons began firing a salute from their gun-boats, formed in a circle from Point Malo¹ to the line-of-battle ship anchored there, 2 rounds, and then their shipping at Algazeras took it up, 2 rounds also; three ships dressed out; in the evening a small boat went towards the Orange Grove, followed by two or more gun-boats, that fired off their guns as they rowed along; supposed the Host, or some of the Princes come. One of the junk ships got under weigh to try how she would sail.

19th. Calm, and foggy or smoky, fires to the northward. Serjt. Ince got 165 feet into the Rock, and has made two embrasures, but his people have got the disorder. The magazines at Willis' in very bad order. A flag of truce with a present of game, fruit, &c., for the Governor, Lieut.-Governor and Commodore, and a packet of letters for some inhabitants, brought by the Count d'Artois, come as a volunteer for the siege.

21st. Wind easterly. A flag of truce. The Dons work hard and we fire. A.M. Arrived 12 or 13 boats to the Dons, less than, but like, the gun-boats. Guns scaled at Rosia. About 5 p.m. a carcass from us set fire to some fascines about the center of their new covered way, and brought on a heavy fire from both sides; their 13 gun battery was opened, and fired grape shot to Grand Battery; several people wounded.

22nd. Wind the same. The influenza seems going through the Garrison, and several people are very ill of it. Much firing in the Gut; the brig² taken and brought in. The 13 gun battery set on fire.

24th. Wind the same, and cloudy. The men on the batteries are alarmed for the magazines.

25th. Wind variable, and dull, foggy and close weather; very hot in the nights. This being St. Louis, the Dons have saluted their three times, and dressed their ships. Sixty-four embrasures are marked in the new part of the parallel.

26th. Wind westerly. Much firing at nights. A.M. Arrived to the Dons 8 or 9 boats, apparently designed for the sending of troops. Our ships brought into the Mole, and the sailors are beginning to encamp at Europa. The 61 gun battery quite formed, with 4 magazines in the rear of it.

1. Punta Mala.

2. The *Eliza* with despatches for Leghorn.

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27th. Wind easterly, foggy and hot weather. The workmen are taken from Windmill Hill, and all hands employed at Willis'; the Governor was there most part of the afternoon. Last night came in another deserter, late 51st Regt. The magazines at Willis' not yet compleat with powder.

28th. Wednesday. Wind westerly and cool weather. A.M. Arrived 6 line-of-battle ships, and 2 xebecs; the ships came to, about mid bay, but soon changed their births. One of our prames came in to the Mole, her 26 pounders being wanted. The *Brilliant* and *Porcupine* unrigging, and the sailors are pitching their tents. All the inhabitants are seeking places of safety. A boat sunk having 9-pounder guns on board, bringing from a store-ship. Powder carrying to-day.

29th. Wind and weather the same. About 9 last night came in a deserter, a Frenchman, and told of about 15,000 men at work, on which a constant fire was kept up from Willis', and five moles are now lying dead. Ince's gallery 200 feet long, and has two 24 pounders mounted there. All our prames came into the Mole, and the boom is continued from the Tank to the 8 gun battery. Six of the junk ships are hauled out, and the deserter says, about the 15th of next month the Dons will be ready.

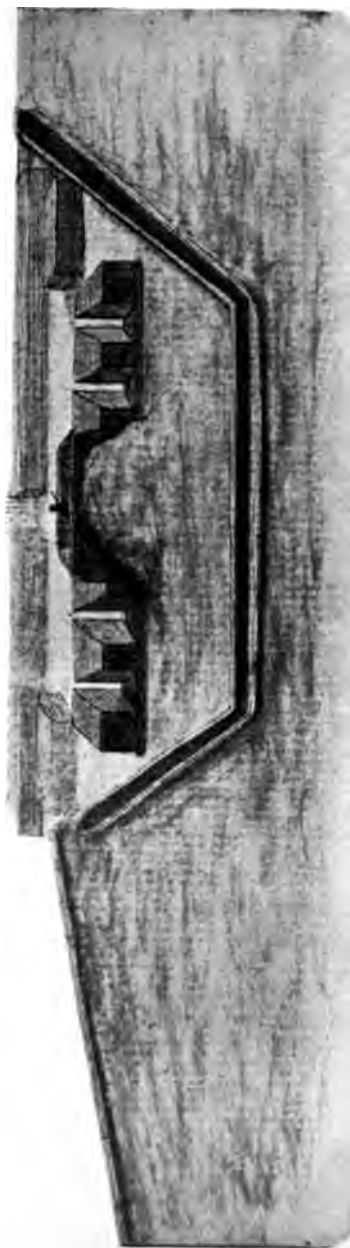
30th. Wind the same, fine weather. Bread, mixed bran and oatmeal, sells $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound for a real. Yesterday evening a coach came to the Mill Battery, and was not fired at. A.M. Four embrasures appear in the eastern branch, Mill Battery. About 4 p.m. the whole of their ships, boats, &c., saluted 4 or 5 times, and dressed as usual. The sailors being encamped at Europa, Captain Curtis is appointed to act as Brigadier-General. The custom still prevails of parading the working men at the Red Sands, though a great part of them are to work at the Southward.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. Sunday. Wind easterly, and dull weather. A.M. Arrived a small French convoy. They have made two covered ways, parallel, from the last long one to the 64 gun battery, &c. Our batteries fire a great deal. The deserter speaks as though he wanted to inveigle our people to desert. Four of their gun-boats came very near, to look after our prames. Four men hurt at the mines. Everyone busy in striving to secure their property at Windmill Hill, &c.

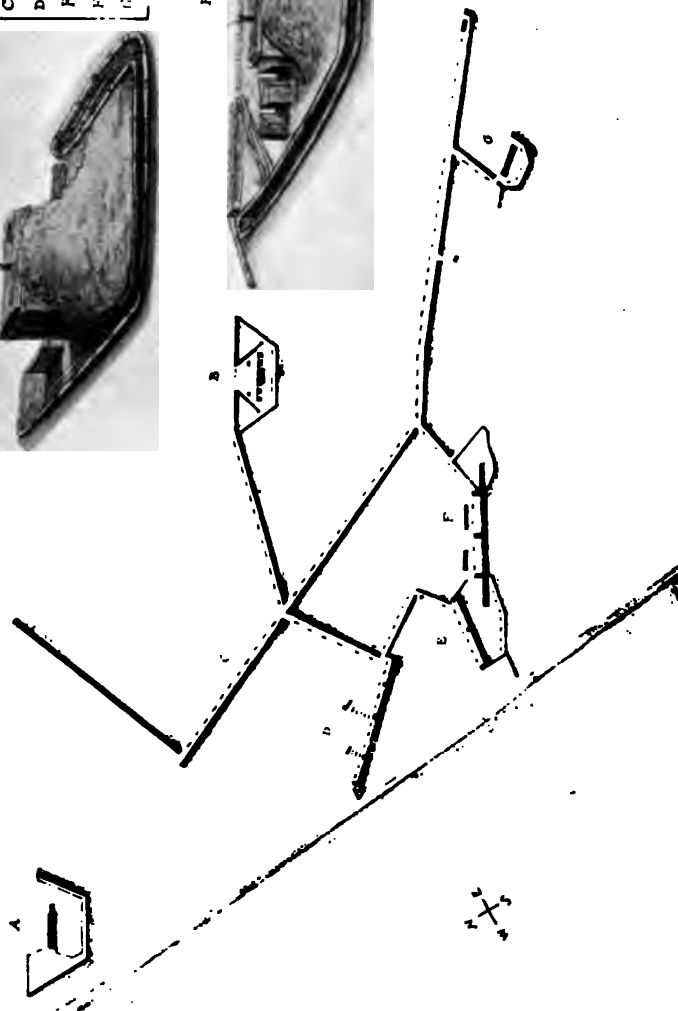


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Spanish Western Guard House. (Author's description)

- A The West Guard House -
- B The Middle Ditch -
- C The Approaches -
- D The 13 Gun Battery -
- E The Empetarda Ditch -
- F The Mill Ditch -
- G The Main Ditch -



Spanish Advanced Works and Batteries.



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2nd. Wind the same. Last night Lieut. Campbell, of the *Brilliant*, went in a boat for Farro, with despatches for England. It appears we have had 1,200 men, sailors, 97th, &c., employed at Willis' in a day. Last night the Dons opened two embrasures, west shoulder Mahon battery.

3rd. Wind the same. About 10 a.m. arrived two French line-of-battle ships, that were going through, but brought in by a frigate that made signals to them; they were saluted.

4th. Wind westerly. The sailors busy yet, carrying their baggage, &c., to Europa. Much saluting at Algazeras. Seven of the junk ships gone to the Orange Grove. No sugar, tea, flour, or butter, to be bought here.

6th. Wind the same. A field officer to mount at the Lines, who, with the other two, are to consult for the good of the service. The 39th Regiment to encamp in South Port Ditch, and their flank companies to go into the Picquet Yard. The Dons work hard; we fire but little. About 8 p.m. fired 4 rounds, round and grape, at Bayside Guard house, supposing their men to be there. Our centries fired at their patrols. Last night came in a deserter. Our magazines and works well finished in the Lines.

7th. Wind the same. Several large ships, 2 ketches, and another junk ship, gone to the Orange Grove. The sailors took Europa Advance, and the Little Bay Guards, the Corsicans Windmill Hill Guard. Another Captain to Water Port, and to relieve each other at the Mole Head, and another Sub to Land Port and to the New Mole Head. Two picquets go to Water Port, two to Land Port and two to the Lines. The Lime Kiln Guard taken off; the alarm posts changed, 73rd to Town, 12th New Mole Parade, 58th to be under the command of Brigadier Curtis. The Sea Lieuts. rank as Captains, and the midshipmen as youngest Subs, or Ensigns. The six westernmost embrasures of their 13 gun battery are filled up with sand-bags. The 97th have Rosia for their alarm post, but are much shagreened at not being put on duty.

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DETAILS OF THE GUARDS, GIBRALTAR, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1782.

ARTILLERY.								
	<i>Captains.</i>	<i>Subs.</i>	<i>Sergts.</i>	<i>Corpls.</i>	<i>Drums.</i>	<i>Privates.</i>	<i>N.-C.-O.</i>	<i>Ptes.</i>
TOWN.								
Governors			1	1		6		
Lt.-Governors			1	1		9		
Willis'	1	2					6	58
Flag Staff		1			1		2	15
Land Port	1	4	5	12	2	86		5
Water Port	2	2	4	6	2	88		2
Main Guard	1	1	2	4	2	37	1	3
Grand Battery ..		1	1	4	1	26		
Castle			1	2		12		
South Line Wall..			1	2		9		
North Line Wall..			1	2		15		
South Port		1	2	4	1	29		1
Middle Hill		1	1	1	1	30	2	
Artillery Guard...			1	1		15		
Signal House... ..			1	1		6	1	
Victualling Office			1	1		9		
Patroles			9			18		
Orderlies			9		2	2		
LINES.								
Queen's Lines.....	1	1	1	2	1	30		1
Prince's Lines....	1	1	3	6	1	50		2
King's Lines		1	1	4	1	50		2
SOUTH.								
Europa	1	3	3	5	3	71	2	12
Rosia		1	1	2	1	30		2
Mole	1	2	3	3	2	59		3
Ragged Staff....		1	2	2	1	30		1
South Shed			1	2		21		
P. W. Lines			1	1		6		
Magazine			1	1		13		
Camp.....			1	1		9		
Hospital			1	1		12		
Windmill Hill...				1		6		
Buena Vista						6	1	1
Gen. La Motte's..				1		3		
S. BARRACK.								
Orderly			1		1			
TOWN PARADE								
	5	13	41	42	12	397	12	84
LINES.								
	2	3	5	12	3	130		5
SOUTH.								
	2	7	15	20	8	266	3	19
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TOTAL....	9	23	61	74	23	793	15	108

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Captains Subs. Serjts. Corpls. Drums. Privates.

	PICQUETS.					ESTABLISHMENT	
						PRIVATE.	
Artillery	1	1	4		1	38	435
12th Regt.		1	1	1	1	33	530
1 25th "		1	1	1	1	60	670
39th "		1	1	1	1	53	530
56th "		1	1	1	1	53	530
58th "		1	1	1	1	53	530
1 59th "	3	1	1	1	1	60	670
72nd "		1	1	1	1	75	960
73rd "		1	1	1	1	75	960
97th "		1	1	1	1	55	670
Rheden's Regt...		1	1	1	1	38	abt. 350
La Motte's " ..		1	1	1	1	38	350
Sydow's "		1	1	1	1	38	350
	4	13	13	13	13	689	7535

KING'S WORKS, &c.

Engineers, &c. ...	1	11	45	3	1	800
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DUTY.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL.

Fatigue	3	3	1	240
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N.B.—One Captain and two Picquets stay at the South.

8th. Wind easterly. At 7 a.m., by the Lieut.-Governor's desire, our batteries began their utmost fire of red hot shot, &c., on their Advanced Works, kept it up till 4 p.m., and destroyed the Mahon Battery. They returned the fire between 9 and 10 a.m., and several killed and wounded. Lieut. Boag, Artillery, and Ensign Gordon, 58th, wounded. All their men-of-war, and about 30 gun boats, &c., gone to the Orange Grove.²

9th. Wind the same. About 5 a.m. the Dons throw up signals, and opened all their batteries in their Advanced Works, and their two forts, and seven gun battery in the Lines; Lieut. W——,³ 73rd, wounded. About 1 p.m. arrived a settee,⁴ Lynch, from Algiers, laden 4 bullocks, 30 sheep, and wine, &c., at which time the Spanish Admiral, with five ships of the line, stood within gun-shot, and fired at the vessel and garrison: one or two shot came on shore, but they made

1 There is evidently some mistake here, as the 25th and 59th did not arrive at Gibraltar until October 18th, 1782.

2. From which point they could get, under sail, to the desired position in front of Gibraltar, whether the wind were east or west.

3. Lieutenant Wharton.

4. The *Tryal*, Captain Henry Lynch.

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themselves very ridiculous. About 5, having stood to the eastward, they tacked and came within reach of Europa, and exchanged a number of shot, and threw some on Windmill Hill; 4 or 5 more ships came out, and followed the example of the former, but none came so near as the Admiral, and some hardly within gunshot. About 6 p.m. about 15 gun-boats came, and attacked the King's Bastion, but being within grape shot, they stayed only half an hour. The Prince's Lines were very soon filled with rubbish, and, unless kept constantly clearing away, are not passable. The 97th Regt. to do duty for all their officers, but only for 100 men. The Town Guards to mount in South Port Ditch, and the parties to work at night.

10th. Wind the same. About 2 a.m. the above ships attacked us as before and threw many shots all over Windmill Hill, &c., and their batteries kept firing long rangers, shells, and bursting them in the air. About 9, having got back to their station, they began again, and threw a shot through the roof of the eastern side the Hospital; two of them kept too far off, one having her bowsprit damaged; some French ships were among them. It was ridiculous enough to see one of the ships put about while firing, and the men at some of the guns, not being informed of it, kept firing the same guns, being then the contrary way. Our loss in this attack 8 killed and 17 wounded; but on all these firings the Line Wall is generally crowded with people; the guard, of an officer and 30 odd men, are still kept in the Flèche without the least cover, tho' 20 or 30 shells are kept going at a time from their batteries. According to our calculation they fired in the first 24 hours about 6,000 shot and shells. About 1 p.m. they slackened firing till about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2, when they gave us several volleys, but since have been nearly quiet. About 100 men are said to have been kept at work last night clearing the Prince's Lines. The workmen of the 39th had carried one load of wood to the Rock Gun, were desired to carry another, but they refused, saying they ought to have grog.

11th. Wind the same. About 1 p.m. the Dons began to be a little silent, as yesterday, but, about 7, orders came to the field-officer in Town, to detach a Captain and another picquet to Land Port, there to make the best disposition he could, having a Captain, 7 Subs, and 180 odd men under his command, and, at about 8 the Dons set fire to the palisadoes at Bayside and Forbes', and fired volleys of small arms at the Lines, &c., which of course was returned, and very ridicu-

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lously, by the centries on Grand Battery, which was stopped as soon as possible, and a round or two of grape sent them away, but during the night they fired from 120 to about 200 shells per hour, killed two men on Grand Battery and broke down about 30 of the palisadoes at Land Port; several rounds of round and grape were fired from Grand Battery at Bayside. The mine at Land Port not a good place to get the men out of in case of an alarm.

12th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. About 1 a.m. came the gun-boats, &c., and staid till about 3. They have a mortar battery at the east end of the 64, to play on the Rock gun, and they divide their fire at the heights and Grand Battery, shot by day and shells by night. About noon arrived in the Bay a fleet of about 40 and odd sail of the line, French and Spaniards, with a few transports, &c., so that the Bay is nearly full of them. Their batteries cease at about 1 p.m., and in the evening, apparently from want of ammunition, and that they began rather before they were ready. The palisadoes still on fire, and the guard house and centry box is not much the worse for being fired at, tho' by us.

13th. Wind and weather the same. Last night the Dons threw from about 70 to 130 shells per hour; several people wounded, &c. At about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 a.m. ten junk ships came, and anchored off the King's Bastion, and to the northward, at the distance of about 1,000 yards, but two of them remained further off than the rest; they were commanded by a Rear-Admiral, and fired a great deal into the water, and some grape shot, that being a new way of making breaches; they appear rigged like prames. The *Brilliant* and *Porcupine* scuttled. Kilns having been erected to heat the shot, about noon we began to fire them. About 5 p.m. one of the junk ships apparently on fire, and about midnight they ceased firing and were most of them in flames, having thrown up signals of distress three or four hours before, and gave our gun-boats a fine opportunity, had they chose to have profited by it. Their batteries kept a very heavy fire on the Town, and the extremity of the Lines; east end of the Queen's Battery at Willis', and Caroline's, are rendered almost useless, and the Line Wall from the Demi-Bastion to Montagu's much wounded, with the merlons of Grand Battery and the King's Bastion; the remains of the houses knocked about, and the Town full of rubbish. A bomb ketch anchored without the junk ships, and kept firing on the Town. Captain Reeves, Artillery, lost his arm and died, Captain Groves, of Do., burnt by an ammunition chest blowing up, Lts. Godfrey and Whetham, Do., wounded. Sailed last night a boat for Algiers.

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14th. Wind the same and fresh. About midnight our gun-boats got out, and began firing on the junk ships; about 4 a.m. three of the junk ships blew up,¹ our gun-boats having been on board, and brought what they could, wounded men, &c., away. About 10 a.m. two more blew up, in short, all are blown up, except two that burnt down, and one that there is hopes of saving; numbers of Spaniards were blown up in the vessels, some that would not leave them, and others that were so wounded they could not be got out. The prisoners are 12 officers and 344 men; the wounded are sent to the Hospital, and the others to encamp on Windmill Hill, and no person is allowed to go to them. The colours of the Admiral, who was Morino,² were brought to the South Parade, and exposed, to the extreme satisfaction of those who, but yesterday, felt rather heavy at the awfulness of their appearance. The Dons kept up a heavy fire at our boats, while they were saving the unfortunate objects they had left in the lurch, and one of our gun-boats was sunk by one of the explosions. The prisoners talk of a floating battery, but it is not known what came of it. Our loss in the two days is one Captain,³ 2 Serjts. and 14 Private killed, and 3⁴ Captains, 2⁵ Lts., 1 Serjt. 2 Drums and 78 Private wounded. About 5 p.m. the 10th junk ship blew up, having been set fire to by our own people, the Dons having ceased firing since the morning. Their fleet is got to the bottom of the Bay, and they have none south of Algazeras, not even one at the Point. Two of their launches are brought in, and several of them stranded on the shore, and several bodies are found among the wrecks of the ships, and one a priest.⁶ Notwithstanding this juncture, our workmen labour as though they were paid for being idle. It is computed the Dons fired, from their batteries only, 1,782 shells and upwards of 9,000 shot, so that, with the junk ships, gun-boats and our batteries, it is thought that near 40,000 rounds have been expended in the 24 hours. Reported the Dons are marching in great numbers to the LINES, and with their colours, so expect an alarm. It appears that the men were dying for want of some refreshment on the batteries, some of them even

1. The concussion was so violent as to burst open doors and windows at the Naval Hospital.

2. Moreno.

3. Captain Reeves, R.A.

4. Captains Groves and Seward, R.A., and Captain Mackenzie, 73rd.

5. Lieut. Godfrey, R.A., and Lieut. Whetham, 58th (attached to the R.A.)

6. Three priests also were among the prisoners taken off the burning ships.



A Junk Ship blowing up. (Author's description)

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drank the water they washed their sponges in, and that, had it not been for the two flank companies of the 39th and the 72nd Regt., our batteries would have been silenced before the middle of the night, for want of men to work the guns. The detachment of the Marine Brigade arrived on the batteries about 6 in the evening, having lost their way in their march from Europa.

15th. Wind the same. Last night their batteries fired about 600 shells. A.M. They keep firing shot at our workmen. Two Captains are now generally at Land Port during the night. It appears the junk ships had about 166 guns, and 5,000 men on board, when they began the attack, but most of them, with their officers, were fetched away by their boats, owing to the inactivity of our gun-boats, whose commander was in his bed at Europa till obliged, in a manner, to turn out, by the officer of Little Bay Guard, Lt. E——, 73rd.¹ About 1 p.m. arrived a French lugger, and about 5 the whole of their fleet saluted twice over, and some of them were dressed, but unluckily a shower of rain came on, and in part deprived us of a most beautiful sight; several people killed and wounded. A frigate and xebec went to the Point but returned. A flag of truce went out twice this afternoon. How differently the sailors are treated from our people, the soldiers; they are generally served grog at their guns, but ours were at their guns, and carrying ammunition, four and twenty hours, without a bit or drop, except some water that the officer took from some of the working men.² The officers and soldiers' bread much better to-day than usual.

16th. Wind the same, cloudy weather and hard rain. About 7 a.m. the Dons fired a good deal. The prisoners are now allowed to be spoke to, but not except by officers. The *Speedwell* getting her stores on board again. About 9 p.m. rockets were thrown up and about 23 guns fired by their shipping. The Corsicans have charge of the prisoners, they are armed with a firelock, bayonet, and pistol. One of 12th deserted.

17th. Wind and weather the same. Last night the gardener of South Port Ditch was stabbed by his servant. Died the quarter-master of De la Motte's Regt.³ The *Speedwell* getting ready for sea. Three ships gone through, our people rejoiced, thinking them our fleet, and the Dons sent their gun-boats to the Point

1. Lieutenant Erskine.

2. Lieutenant Galpin, 72nd Regt., filled a keg at the fountain and brought it through the enemy's fire to the men on the battery.

3. Lieutenant Gerig.

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to welcome them in. P.M. All the officers and men in the French service¹ sent back.

18th. Wind and weather the same. Last night died one of the prisoners, a captain in the Spanish service,² and was fired over by the Grenadiers of the 39th Regt. A.M. Firing in the Gut.

19th. Wind the same, and very fine weather. About 9 a.m. 4 bomb ketches on this side the fleet, and opposite the Town. The Dons keep firing, and now and then kill a man. It is now said that three of the junk ships might have been saved. The Artillery not pleased with what was read to them by the Governor. Last night a marquee was burnt belonging to two mids, and all their bedding, &c. P.M. A flag of truce.

20th. Wind easterly. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 a.m. came about 10 mortar-boats, and began firing on the Garrison, but about 6 shells only came on shore, 2 of them in South Port Ditch, and wounded one 39th; about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 they ceased; some of them had shells burst on leaving their mortars, and threw up rockets as though in distress. The gun-boat swamped in saving the prisoners is recovered, and repairing. Yesterday in the flag of truce was a man calling himself a colonel, that insisted on seeing the Governor, and attempted to get into our boat, but he was not permitted, saying he might either send his letters, or take them back again.

22nd. Wind westerly. A flag of truce to bring some baggage for the Walloon prisoners. Not so much firing to-day, yet several are wounded; the Hospital is full. Very few shells appear now in the Dons' park of Artillery.

23rd. Wind the same. Last night one 73rd fell over the Rock at All's Well, and was killed; a party going out to fetch him in was fired at by their patroles. Also an Alarm, of which the people in Town have had two or three this week, and the 39th and 72nd were ordered to sleep in their clothes. A.M. Three Moorish ships gone through, one with a flag.

24th. Wind easterly. Last night the serjeant's party occasionally went out to under Forbes', killed one of two that appeared there, and fired at the other; the body was brought in, and buried in Land Port Ditch, supposed serjeant. About 40 of their boats are sailed to the westward. Their shipping lie at a single anchor, and short, with all their rigging up, ready for sea. The sailors have been busy these several days trying to get up the *Brilliant*, but she is not up yet.

1. All the officers who were in a condition to be removed were sent, whether French or Spanish, with eleven French soldiers. The officers were 3 naval officers, 4 officers in the army, 3 chaplains, and 1 surgeon.

2. Don José Ambulodi.

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25th. Wind the same. Many more of the above boats gone; the prisoners say they were hired all along the coast, to land the troops in. People killed every night. They fire smart about 7 in the morning. The noted Dennis Murray, 39th, hanged; his brother, a very good man, was killed the 11th, at night, and hoped not to live to see him hanged.

26th. Wind the same. They throw several shells at the White Cloister, and have damaged several casks of beef, &c, belonging to the Navy, also the cock of the fountain, so that a great deal of water was lost. About noon the whole of their army, apparently, was drawn out, and extended from the 1st River to about Fort Denaris,¹ or eastern shore, between 3 and 4 miles; they remained there till dark. About 9 a.m. one 56th, at work, fell over at All's Well, a party went out to fetch in the body, and was not molested, the Dons not caring to come so near since the serjeant was shot.

27th. Wind the same. Last night they fired a great many shells, first at one place and then at another, and sent a large party behind the Rock. All's Well, Upper Forbes', and the extremity of the Queen's Lines very much shattered; the first and last are very dangerous for the centries, lest they slip down the rock, the parapets being entirely knocked away. In short the whole of the North Front appears in a very shattered condition, but not materially so. A shell has fallen and burst within the cover made to the door of the magazine at Willis'. The Dons seem tired of their amusement, and when they fire, it is in general by volleys, and then desist for some time.

28th. Wind easterly but nearly calm. Their ships have left the Orange Grove, and are all anchored a little north of Algazeras. A few pounds of loaf sugar sold at auction for 5 dollars 2 reals per pound.

29th. Wind the same. Last night a duel between Lt. R—— and Ensign H——, 72nd, who was wounded in the knee. Their troops are embarking in the fleet. About 11 a.m. a flag of truce, and two or three officers are in arrest for going out in a boat at that time, contrary to orders.

30th. Wind the same. Last night one 72nd deserted from the party at Lower Forbes'. A.M. Arrived a line-of-battle ship to the Dons, and saluted. The evening gun to fire at 8 o'clock, and the Town Guards to mount at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 6 a.m. In spite of the fire kept up by the enemy, all our northern front is crowded with "Real men," who are obliged to stay there till 3 in the morning, tho' not half

1. Fort Tunara.

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of them are able to work, want of room, one would almost be led to think that some one benefited so much a head, for each that is killed or wounded. A flag of truce. A small convoy coming to them. A frigate arrived and saluted. Killed this month: 1 officer, 8 serjeants, 2 drummers, and 73 privates. Wounded: 11 officers, 16 serjeants, 5 drummers, and 273 privates. It is supposed they have fired in the same time 37,334 shot and 18,250 shells.

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1st. Tuesday. Wind westerly, fine weather and hot. Last night about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 came the mortar-boats, and threw shells all about the southward, Windmill Hill, &c., and staid till midnight; three shells fell in the Hospital, and wounded 2 or 3 men of the 12th; one of Hardenburg's was killed, and several houses and tents damaged; a blind one fell among the prisoners, and the Corsicans were obliged to charge their bayonets to keep them together. The gun-boats were opposite the Town, and took up the fire from the mortar-boats. A Corsican escaped, or deserted, from their fleet in a 6-oared boat, and arrived in Little Bay. We are continually losing men at "Real" work. Now we find the want of the junk ship we might have saved, our prames being sunk and useless. Our gun-boats might have attacked their mortar-boats to advantage. The *Porcupine* is got up without damage.

2nd. Calm and fine weather. A flag of truce. The above Corsican kept secret, When two guns are fired quick from South Bastion, and a light hoisted on the flagstaff there, the Artillery are to man the batteries. Several people killed and wounded.

LIST OF THE JUNK SHIPS DESTROYED BY THE GARRISON,
13TH SEPTEMBER, '82.

Name.	Guns.	Men.	Commanders.
Pastora.....	26	700	Don Buena Ventura Moreno, Adml.
Talla Pedra.....	26	700	Don Juan Mendoza.
San Frans. de Paula..	26	700	Don Gayetano Languara.
Paula Seconda.....	9	280	Don Pablo de Casa.
Rosario.....	32	700	Don Ramon de Villas.
San Cristovas.....	10	300	Don Fredk. Gravino.
Princessa Carlos.....	11	350	Don Antonio Bassura.
San Juan.....	10	300	Don Joseph Archiochia.
Santa Ana.....	10	280	Don Joseph Angeli.
El Dolores.....	6	250	Don Pedro Sanchez.
Total.....	166	4560	

Taken from the boatswain, Sta. Paula.

It appears that the four largest ships had 17 or some of their guns in reserve.

1. Montero's Historia de Gibraltar gives the names of the Commanders as, Admiral Moreno, the Prince of Nassau Sieghen, Don Cayetano Languara, Don Pablo de Cosar, Don Francisco Muñoz, Don Federico Gravina, Don Antonio Basurto, Don José Angeles, Don José Goiochea, and Don Pedro Sanchez; the guns as 138, and the crews as 5190.

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Rosia and the Spanish Gun Boats. (Author's description)

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3rd. Wind westerly and fresh. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 last night was an alarm in the Bay, their boats firing musquetry and several cannon, people making a great noise, and then threw up rockets; in about an hour the mortar-boats began, and staid till about 2 a.m., and threw many shells about the Mole, Rosia, and the encampment. About 9 a.m. arrived to the Dons an Admiral, firing 3 guns to leeward, and hoisting several signals. At the same time came a frigate off Water Port, a flag of truce, and returned about 5 p.m., the Commodore and Secretary having been on board; she is commanded by a Scotchman.

4th. Wind the same, and fine weather. A General Court Martial to try Capt. —, 56th, for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, about not reporting the firing at the Queen's Lines when the serjeant was shot, and is suspended for 6 months. The Commodore and Secretary gone to dine with the Duke, and settle the cartel. The Spanish frigate left an anchor, and the batteries have orders not to fire at boats with white flags, that endeavour to get it up.

6th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. All the Spanish prisoners¹ sent away that are able to go, except 59 who remain as deserters. Ince's gallery has had one man killed in it by a shot come in at a post, and the communication King's Lines has had 3. It is given out, the reason the Governor chuses to have so many men at work at night is, that they may be ready in case of an alarm; then why are their arms left at the Southward? Also that, the men being so much harassed, one half may sleep while the other works, but every man found so is confined. Last night the Dons raised a work, sand bags, &c., from the Mahon battery, through the N.W. corner of the gardens, to the Bay, but so as not to be flanked by the Old Mole. About 1 p.m. Middle Hill Guard reported a man below, on which a boat was sent round, but on the sailors going up to him, he presented his firelock, and they were obliged to return, they having forgot their arms.

9th. Wind the same, and cool weather. Last night sailed a mid² and 6 sailors in a boat for Leghorn. The 39th have 10 recruits from the junk ship men, the 58th, 10, and the Corsican Company, 39, and a volunteer of Hardenburg's is appointed 2nd Lieut. to it.

10th. Wind and weather the same, with rain. A General Court Martial to try Ensign —, 97th, for defrauding a Jew inn-keeper. A loaf of sugar, about 10 lbs., to be sold for 40 cobs and not less.

1. 262 in number.

2. Midshipman Richards.

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11th. Wind the same, fresh gales and hard rain. About 6 a.m. the *St. Michael*, a Spanish 70 gun ship, driving, &c., and coming within gun-shot, was fired at, and came aground off Ragged Staff, and struck, hoisting the English colours over the Spanish; about 600 prisoners came from on board her, and are encamped on Windmill Hill; several of their ships were damaged, and one aground, two others came within reach, and, being fired on, fired many guns of distress. About 5 p.m. the English fleet came in sight, but, being benighted, went to the back of the Rock, except 3 transports and a frigate, that got in.

12th. Wind the same and moderate. Our fleet a long way to the eastward. About noon the Dons sent about 15 vessels, supposed fire-ships, to anchor in Sandy Bay. P.M. One 72nd, centry at the boat-house Water Port, was, by a shell, blown up on Montagu Bastion. They fired a great deal at the *St. M.*, and burst several shells in the air. Arrived the *Panther*, and 9 or 10 store-ships.

13th. Wind the same, and rain, and fine weather. About 9 a.m. the Spanish fleet began to get under weigh, and about noon some of them got as far as Cabaretta Point. About 3 p.m. the whole are going out, except the disabled ones, and have about 13 Admirals, one of which is very late, and attended by many gun-boats, &c. The Point fired several guns, as seeing an enemy, but the fleet fired none, for getting under weigh. They were well attended by small vessels.

14th. Wind the same, nearly calm. About noon the *Panther* got under weigh, but was obliged to tow back again; ten or a dozen gun-boats came out to attack her if she proceeded. The Spanish fleet to be seen only from Windmill Hill.

15th. Wind both ways, but the lower one easterly, and very fine weather. Last night about 11, the *Panther* got to the back of the Rock, and came to, off the Advance. About 8 a.m. neither of the fleets in sight; several vessels going to the westward, with troops from Algazeras. The Dons keep up a heavy fire at the *St. M.*, are very near her, and make the 39th a bad berth in the Ditch. Our Jacks wait for a spring tide to get her off. Lt. Grumly, Artillery, and 2 or 3 men killed by a shell at Willis'. About 11 the *Panther* got as far as the horizon, to the eastward. About 2 p.m. our fleet in sight, joined by the *Panther*. Our batteries fire hard during the night, they, the Dons, are obliged to return shot for the first time, to keep pace with them.

16th. Wind easterly and fresher, dark weather and much rain. Our fleet cruising in sight to the eastward, but the *Buffaloe*, and 11 store-ships that entered the Gut, are yet missing.

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17th. Wind westerly, and squally weather. About 10 a.m. a frigate from the westward made her signals, and is gone to the fleet. People left off working at night. The sail house finishing at Rosia for stores. P.M. Our fleet¹ standing into Tetuan Bay, and shewing their colours. The *St. Michael* safe anchored off the Old Mole, non-commissioned officers and 100 soldiers employed at her.

18th. Wind easterly, and changeable weather. About 2 a.m. some boats threw up 2 rockets in the Bay, and the alarm was given of the gun-boats, but they did not fire; supposed they meant to cut out the *St. M.*, but she fired a gun and they disappeared. About 2 p.m. arrived 6 men-of-war, and some frigates, and landed the 25th Regt. (encamped behind the barracks, and the 59th gone to Windmill Hill), and took our invalids on board. In the evening the *Latona* stood to the eastward, and took a fire-ship and anchored her in the middle of the Bay, and set her on fire. Arrived also all the convoy, except a brig having the women and baggage of the 25th and 59th Regiments on board.²

19th. Wind the same, heavy rain. The men-of-war sailed in the night. 10 a.m. Our fleet standing through the Gut, under an easy sail, and the Dons after them in full chase, and near them. The Commodore and Captain V., Aide-de-Camp, gone on board with dispatches. A General Court Martial to try one 72nd for stealing fowls, and one 73rd for robbing his master of 36 guineas, &c. Sugar sold at auction for 3 dollars per lb.

20th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. A Sub's guard from 25th, and 59th, each, sent on board the *St. M.* The Dons fire but little now, and seem on the decline. The store-ships unloading.

21st. Wind and weather the same. The stores on board the *St. M.* to be sold, and Messrs. Simpson and Daisey to be agents. The 25th and 59th to send 100 men each to the Q. M. G. to-morrow, for the first time. The French camp broke up. Sugar 3 dollars 5 reals per lb.; Ducks 5 dollars per pair. Their ship on shore is towed off.

22nd. Wind easterly, and warm weather. Last night the gun-boats were in the Bay, and threw up two rockets, but, the wind coming easterly, we saw no more of them. About 9 a.m. arrived a boat from Algiers with a letter to the Governor. Last night, and A.M., the Dons fire a good deal, and the shot from the 64 gun battery, that miss the heights, come to Rosia, the Gulleys and Windmill Hill. The

1. Under Lord Howe.

2. The *Minerva*, which had been captured by the Spaniards, having been dismasted.

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Spanish priest is under arrest, and has a centry at his door. The 25th and 59th mount a picquet each.

24th. Wind westerly, fine weather. About 1 a.m. came the mortar-boats, 4th time, and fired till after 2. The *Hector* or Gen. M.,¹ cutter, sunk and destroyed in the Mole, and several houses damaged. The Dons are landing shells, &c. A flag of truce. The officers have agreed to give settled prices for things, allowing only cent per cent for them. Most of the wine and different articles on board the *St. M.* destroyed by the sailors. The fowl-merchant 72nd stood in the pillory, and is flogged by the handy man. Capt. —, 56th, in arrest again. The Dons were working last night.

25th. Wind easterly, and dull weather. A flag of truce. Returns to be given in of the effectives on the 13th Sept., and 11th October, also of our losses in the firing. Bread sells at about $2\frac{1}{2}$ reals per lb., 13 pence.

26th. Wind the same, some rain. Came in a deserter, a Catalan. The late captain of the *St. M.*² returned with his baggage. They continue firing the fore part of the day.

27th. Wind westerly and fine weather. A flag of truce. About 5 p.m. a shot fell in the road near General Green's. About 8 the *St. M.* fired two or three guns, seeing the gun-boats near.

30th. Wind and weather the same. Last night sailed Mr. Lynch's vessel for Algiers. Twenty-six battalions gone from their camp. The *St. M.*'s galley (cooking place) has been on fire 3 or 4 days, their kettles not being large enough for our people; the fore-castle is cut away and one of our kettles putting up.

31st. Wind easterly. About 3 a.m. sailed the *Tsiphony*, fire-ship, and 5 others, for England. About 7 arrived to the Dons a French frigate, and two other ships; they have several at the Orange Grove, supposed to take away their stores; the frigate saluted. One 97th killed at Rosia by a long ranger. One 72nd the other day, centry at the New Mole, fired at two sailors in a boat, who did not give him the countersign, and wounded them both, for which the Governor ordered him 2 cobs in publick orders.

1. The *General Murray*, armed cutter, Lieut. Jasperson in command.

2. Brigadier Don Juan de Moreno.

1st. Friday. Fine weather. Returns given in about the prize-money. The Dons fire now and then a good deal. Our batteries fire a great deal by night. There seems nothing now to hinder our getting things from Barbary.

2nd. Wind easterly, weather the same. Powdered sugar served out to the officers and women, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ reals per lb.; a Lt.-Colonel 40 lb., Major 30 lb., a Captain 23 lb., and a Sub 15 lb.; port wine also, but equally, at about 7 dollars per dozen. Poca Roca¹ cave is become a laboratory for Willis' since the accident of the shells. Last night sailed a boat for Farro.

3rd. Wind westerly and squally weather. Last night came in a deserter. Our batteries continue to fire a good deal, theirs but little, except at times. Caves making for two guns near Crutchett's Lime Kiln.² Last night sailed the *Diana*, s. ship, for England. A.M. Artillery practice at the New Mole; they have lain at their batteries every night since the convoy came, their Subs have but 2 nights in bed, and the Captain 3, besides laying in their clothes at their alarm posts in their turn.

4th. Wind the same. A.M. Came in a deserter, and says they have about 11,000 men now in camp. Their ships are dressed and saluting. Received bāt and forage money, a captain 40 pounds. The man 73rd hanged, that robbed his master, Captain I——.³ About 2 p.m. came in a deserter.

8th. Wind easterly, weather the same. About 9 a.m. 21 gun-boats, &c., came in a line from the northward along the Town, &c., with all the appearance of an attack, but they marched off, on a gun's being fired from the Point. About noon a sloop, that was nearly under the Rock, was drove to leeward, and picked up by their gun-boats, all the crew but the master having left her; soon after, 2 or 3 of our gun-boats got out, and fired after theirs; were some of ours kept in waiting, many vessels might have been saved. About 2 p.m. arrived a Danish dogger, laden pilchards for Italy, and wants water. About 9, ten or eleven of the store-ships sailed; the *St. Ann* was stopped, having secreted some of her hands that the Navy wanted to empress. Several signals made from the camp to Cabareta Point, along the coast.

1. Poca Roca.

2. The portion of the town still called "La Calera" i.e., "The Limekiln," between Crutchett's Ramp and Castle Row.

3. Captain Irving.

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9th. Wind westerly. A.M. The *St. M.* scaled her upper deck guns, the Artillery being on board to search them. A flag of truce. Arrived Ensign L—, 58th, and Quarter-Master 25th,¹ with some baggage that were taken.

10th. Wind the same, and some rain. Last night sailed the dogger. A.M. The *St. M.* scaling her lower deck guns. All the deserters are gone to England, and no questions were allowed to be asked them. The F. Officer in Town to order the batteries to be manned when he judges it necessary, and the Commanding Officer of Artillery to direct the fire independently of any other order. P.M. Arrived a frigate to the Dons, or one of ours taken.²

11th. Wind the same, and very cold weather. The 28th and 59th put on duty, and about 1,200 men are now employed repairing the works. Nothing to be bought at the officers' price, so we are now badly off. Our batteries keep up a smart fire, theirs very little.

12th. Wind the same, warmer weather. Yesterday and to-day the Dons saluting Prince of Asturias' birthday. About 10 a.m. came 21 gun and mortar-boats, and began firing, tho' a flag of truce was out from us; four of our gun-boats went out, but fired very short; we find a great loss in the prames. Several shells came on shore; a house blown up, 6 shot struck the *St. M.*, and one the *Brilliant*. Their batteries fired, and several people wounded, &c. The *St. M.* has now got her mizzen-mast in that was shot away in taking her.

13th. Wind easterly and fresh. A.M. A frigate and 2 or 3 xebecs arrived to the Dons. They have fired very hard all day at our workmen, and thrown 2 shot over Bona Vista. About 7 p.m. sailed the *St. Anna*, and 2 or 3 vessels, and the Dons made signals for them. Officers much dissatisfied with the resolution about the price of things, some having bought under the name of others. No more guards on board the *St. M.*

15th. Wind the same and fresh. Last night sailed 3 victuallers. The Dons fire a good deal now. The latest brevets dispute about the prize-money.

16th. Wind the same. Last night sailed another ship. About 1 p.m. sailed a French convoy, 22 vessels, from the Orange Grove, apparently laden with stores. Flag of truce.

17th. Wind the same. A.M. The regiments changed quarters; the 12th, Rhedens, and La Motte's to the Pavilions, the 39th and 58th to Town, Hardenburg's or Sydow's in the Ditch, and 73rd to camp. Several cruizers at the Point.

1. Ensign Lewis, and Quarter-Master Andrew Cook, captured in the *Minerva*.

2. Apparently it was the *Prudent*, Navy Victualling ship, with 6 guns and 17 men.



Buena Vista and Encampment. (Author's description)

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1. The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, including "The Hon. Mr. Justice" and "The Hon. Mr. Justice".

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19th. Wind the same, and fine weather. A.M. Arrived to the Dons a line-of-battle ship, and a hulk. About 10 the Officers met to alter the agreement concerning the price of things.

20th. Wind, &c., the same. A.M. A flag of truce, and all the prisoners sent away, except five who remained as deserters, but the Corsicans would not receive them, so they are sent on board the *St. M.* It now appears that Colonel Stuart, 2nd son to Lord Bute, came in the fleet, and remained here incog., and returned without being known, except by his confidants, and had an exact account of our proceedings here. Officers now pay for permits, &c., as inhabitants. The Captain Lieutenant of the Corsicans is gone home, and all the sailors returned from Europa. The Dons have several large ships at the Orange Grove, loading stores. Our batteries fire a great deal, theirs only 160 or 170 in the 24 hours.

22nd. Wind the same. P.M. Arrived the Quarter - Master Serjeant and one 25th with their wives, &c.

23rd. Wind the same. About 8 a.m. arrived a Farro boat, laden sugar, fruit, &c. About 11, Lieut. McK——,¹ 73rd, leg broken by the splinter of a shell at Poca Roba cave. Artillery practice on the Line Wall with small stones for boats, &c. Two sheep sold ten guineas each, and raised mutton to a cob per lb. About 2 p.m. arrived another Farro boat laden coffee, &c.; the Dons chased them both, and their cutter narrowly escaped some of our shot. They have two vessels loading powder at the Orange Grove.

24th. Wind the same, cloudy weather, some rain. *Porcupine* made a hospital ship of, for the sailors. The *St. M.*, *Brilliant* and cutter fully manned.

25th. Wind the same, squally and hard rain. About 1 p.m. a boat stood for this place, and deceived us, for, on the Dons giving chase, she hoisted Spanish colours, and stood to them. The Dons fire only now by day.

27th. Wind the same, and cool. Last night arrived two boats from Farro, laden sheep, fruit, &c. Apples sell at 6 reals per lb. One 58th and a Spanish prisoner deserted. A.M. The *St. M.* moored in Rosia Bay. The 97th Regt. still very sickly. The 25th have made up canvas jackets for the men.

29th. Wind the same. A.M. Arrived two French frigates at the Orange Grove. Rum served out to the officers again, on payment.

30th. Wind the same, cloudy weather. Last night a serjeant Artillery fell and broke his neck, drunk. The Dons loading shells, shot, &c., half their heap gone from the park.

¹. Lieutenant John Mackenzie.

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1st. Sunday. Wind the same, fresh, and rain. Last night came in a store-ship, *Hayington*, and a Farro boat, laden tea, &c. The Dons fire but little, our batteries a great deal. The scurvy and fluxes prevail. P.M. The above boat bulged. The Dons are encamped again in two places.

2nd. Wind and weather the same. Tea sold at 11 dollars per lb., Dutch¹ 9 reals, wine from 17 reals to three dollars per gallon. The boom frequently breaking. The boards that came from aloft were taken to Windmill Hill, and made moveable huts of. Nine men wounded by one shot.

4th. Wind and weather the same. Last night arrived a boat from Farro, though the Dons look out sharp, and make many signals. Upwards of 900 sick now in hospital and quarters.

6th. Wind and weather the same. About daylight the Dons fired several guns at the Point and along the coast. Our gun continues to fire about 4 a.m., the guards mount at $\frac{1}{2}$ past six, and at 7, tho' it is so dark they can hardly see when they fall in. About 300 bibles are sent over here as a present.

8th. Wind and weather the same. Last night came in a deserter, and says the Dons are mining the Rock. A.M. Their ships dressed and salute.

9th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. The Dons dressed and salute as yesterday. About noon a 32 pounder gun on a new carriage, elevated at 45° , fired shells, and about $\frac{1}{3}$ over the bay, or about 5,000 yards.

10th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Officers' servants sent to work, want of men. A court of inquiry concerning a Surgeon's mate having accused Dr. —, of having sold the hospital soap, &c. Tea sold at eight dollars.

12th. Wind and weather the same. Ince's cave about 300 feet in length. A.M. About a dozen Dutch men-of-war gone to the eastward.

13th. Wind the same, and fine weather. A.M. Arrived a boat from Farro. Last night the *St. M.*'s guard-boat, seven men, deserted with, and secured, the lieutenant² and mid, but they were not the men intended to have gone in her.

14th. Wind the same, fine but cold weather. Last night arrived a boat from Farro. The extremity Prince's Lines stopped quite up, and the Queen's much strengthened. The above Surgeon's mate is dismissed the Hospital. Cheese sells a cob per lb.

1. ? Cheese.

2. Lieutenant Small, R.N., who was knocked down by the coxswain and stunned.

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17th. Wind and weather the same. A flag of truce; peace talked of.

18th. Wind easterly. About 10 a.m. the gun and mortar-boats attacked the *St. M.*, and threw one shell down her main hatchway, that burst and killed four men, and wounded about 11; another struck her fore-yard, and about the head, and numbers fell all round her; one shot fell short, but our gun-boats rowed out, and kept them at a distance; one man had his leg bone smashed, and the skin not hurt; they went off about noon; the *St. M.* threw her powder, about 80 barrels, overboard; the Dons at Algazeras fired a feu de joye when they saw the *St. M.* hit, and the smoke issuing out at all her ports. Our batteries fire hand grenades out of mortars, and seem as tho' they wanted to get rid of their ammunition.

19th. Wind the same. All the Spanish ships gone from the Orange Grove, one of the line. A.M. Practice from the elevated gun, and fired it 12 times in a minute. The Dons fire a good deal to-day.

20th. Wind the same and fresh. Last night 2 boats sailed for Farro, and 2 of their cruizers are come in. Flag of truce.

21st. Wind the same, fresh gales and drops of rain. Last night sailed the *Lord Thurloe*, 2 boats for Farro, and the remaining victuallers, and the *St. M.* drove from her moorings, but got into the Mole, and run aground near the Tank; the *Porcupine* drove also in the Mole. The 25th and 59th have cooking places built in their encampment. The 59th gone to encamp in South Port Ditch, their tents being down on Windmill Hill, and the parade changed to the Red Sands. P.M. The *St. M.* warped alongside the Mole.

22nd. Wind the same, moderate. Last night came in a deserter. P.M. A flag of truce, and arrived about 150 women belonging to the 25th and 59th, taken in the brig. A dog said to be mad, and all dogs found loose to be killed.

23rd. Wind and weather the same. P.M. arrived a settce 5 days from Algiers. Seventeen of the women disordered; Gibraltar has been free of it several months, before these two regiments came. Lt. Small brought back, he was in the guard boat.

25th. Extreme fine weather. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 p.m. came the gun and mortar-boats, about 28 of them, and began firing; a shell broke the mizzen-mast of the *Porcupine*, and burst in the cabin; several huts, &c, were damaged, 7 men wounded, and one 73rd killed; a blind shell fell into the *St. M.*, and about 6 they

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went off; nine of our gun-boats went out, and fired all their ammunition; several shells fell at Europa and Windmill Hill. The Corsicans are now made the marksmen, and a Serjeant, Corporal, and 12, mount at two different places about the Rock Gun, by day, and fire at the Dons below.

28th. Wind and weather the same. A little dispute between the Captain of the New Mole Guard, and the *St. Michael's*. The Dons have opened 3 guns in the eastern mortar battery, to fire on the Rock gun. Our batteries keep up a regular fire all night, tho' it appears the Governor begins to be rather sparing of his ammunition again. An Empetrado gun mounted at the Old Mole.

29th. Wind and weather the same. Last night sailed a boat or two for Farro, and arrived a settce and tartan from Algiers. Also a vessel thought to be burnt at the 2nd River.

30th. Wind the same, fine weather. An empty collier towed out to weigh the *St. Michael's* anchor. A Serjeant, Corporal, and 8 private only, of the Corsicans, mount now at the Rock gun.





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(Author's description)



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1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee.

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JANUARY.

1st. Wednesday. Wind westerly, weather the same. A.M. One of the guns of the junk ships being got on shore, it was drawn from Ragged Staff to the Mole Parade, where it had the Spanish colours fixed on the carriage, and then drawn to the Mole Battery, attended by the musick of the 12th Regt. playing "God Save the King"; it is a very plain iron 26 pounder, 9 feet 6 inches long, and about 5 feet in the chace.

3rd. Very fine weather. One of the brass guns of the junk ships brought to Ragged Staff, nearly 6 feet in the chace, and 4 feet 8 inches in the breech, a 32 lb. shot goes into it, but it has been run in the firing, the make seems to be French idea, but badly imitated; it has its name, viz., "Brazen face." An Empetrado gun mounted on the Line Wall, near Ragged Staff. The Dons have fired very little these 2 or 3 days.

4th. Wind westerly, weather the same. A.M. Another brass gun, an 18 pounder, got on shore, the "El Bellicoso," 9 feet 6 inches long, 5 feet in the chace, and much more ornamented than the other. Practice from the Empetrado gun near Ragged Staff. The Dons have not fired these two days. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 p.m. came the gun and mortar-boats, about 30 of them, and a very heavy fire was kept up till about a quarter past five, when one of the mortar-boats went off, and the rest followed soon after. All their batteries opened, as did ours, on their camp. Our gun-boats staid out till the last, and fairly cheered the Dons off the field; they drifted to the northward. Our loss one 56th and one 73rd killed, and one 56th wounded. Two or three of the aids-de-camp went out in a boat, attended by two gun-boats, to the back of the Rock to take a view of the Dons's work or cave, and were fired upon with small arms by the Dons, who were drawn up there ready to receive them.

5th. Sunday. Fine weather. A mortar-boat oar was taken up, and another brass gun. About 8 p.m. some small arms were fired from Bayside towards the Garrison, and of course was returned from the Lines, &c, and four rounds of grape were fired from Grand Battery, one ball of which fell only in Land Port Ditch, and another broke the leg of a corpl. of General La Motte's Regt., by the Inundation, detached to the Barrier without the Flèche, who was running in to acquaint the officer of the firing; his leg is taken off; he died. A heavy fog all night.

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8th. Weather the same. A General Court Martial to try one 97th for robbing the stores. The above corporal is dead. Some officers have been engaged in a riot among some serjeants of 73rd, at a dance, and some others in breaking open a ward in the Hospital, and attacking the women there ill of the disorder.

7th. Wind westerly, some rain. The Dons have lengthened the flank of the nearest approach, to cover them from the Old Mole Head. The man that stabbed the gardener is tried by the above court-martial. The captain of Artillery taken from the picket, which is to be commanded by a first lieut. only. One 58th, a junk ship man, attempted to desert down the back of the Rock.

9th. Wind the same, fine weather. The regiments begun to exercise. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 p.m. the gun-boats came out, but returned, ours were out ready to receive them, Sir Charles Knowles Commodore.

10th. Wind and weather the same. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 a.m. the gun and mortar-boats began firing, and threw a great number of shells, &c.; one fell in the North Pavilion, and destroyed the upper and middle back rooms, and damaged most of the others; one of our gunboats sunk by a splinter from one of our own shells; an ammunition box blew up at the Old Mole, from whence we fired at their camp; their batteries returned it and killed one, and wounded 17. A Jew wounded.

11th. Extreme fine weather. Last night arrived a boat from Farro, and brings favourable accounts of peace. The regiments begin to practice for the review.

12th. Wind westerly. The Old Mole fires a 24 pounder grape, every half hour during the night, at Bayside guard-house, and the other batteries keep up a constant fire on the Isthmus.

13th. Wind the same, some rain. The Dons seem to have given up the idea of the blockade. Some of the Corsicans last night were ordered into the Queen's Lines, and fired above 100 rounds of small arms. Some of the dogs having bit people, &c., the warrant is again in force against them.

14th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A General Court Martial to try one 97th for shop-lifting, and him 58th for desertion. Ince's gallery 370 feet long, has 6 embrasures, and 4 guns mounted in it, also a good covered way up to it; another embrasure was making, but they found themselves too near the outside, so worked further in. Their batteries fire only now and then by fits and starts except when the gun-boats come.

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16th. Wind the same, hazy weather. A.M. Several people wounded, &c. One or two of the men-of-war got ready to go out of the Mole. The Artillery found fault with by the Governor for not firing more.

17th. Wind the same, some rain. Last night one 39th deserted from the advanced party, at the covered way under Forbes'. Sugar served again to the officers as before.

18th. Wind and weather the same. Last night arrived a boat from Farro. 12th Regt. a field day. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 p.m. the Dons threw up a great many rockets at Algazeras, something in the style of fireworks, till about 9, and fired several volleys of small arms.

19th. Wind the same, cold weather. Last night arrived a boat from Farro. The officers have acted a play, "Cross Purposes," and "True Blue." P.M. The Dons' vessels saluted several times, and their batteries fired several shot and shells.

20th. Wind easterly, and fine weather. The Dons have fired a great deal, and dressed their ships; their King's birthday.

21st. Wind westerly, and rainy weather. About 6 p.m. the Dons began, and threw 47 shells by about 7, and killed one of Rhedens.

22nd. Wind and weather the same. A boat supposed to be taken. The officers' playing put an end to by the Governor.

23rd. Wind the same, fine weather. Last night one 58th deserted from the Flèche; the Captain sent out the officer and 2 men to search for him, who were fired on by the Dons, and returned it, being challenged first in English. The man 58th pardoned, that was sentenced to be hanged for desertion.

24th. Wind easterly, and fine weather. A.M. One of the 12th blown up, with the guard-house, &c., at Middle Hill, by an ammunition box taking fire.

25th. Calm weather, some rain. A.M. The man 97th hanged. A Subaltern's night guard at Windmill Hill, and the Captain and Sub at Willis' to go rounds there. The regiments to have only one field day, and no firing except 10 rounds at the review, but they exercise, &c., the four days together previous to it. Our batteries fire as usual, it is supposed about 30,000 small shells since this firing began. Last night sailed a boat for Farro.

26th. Wind westerly, fine weather. Two miners 72nd blown up.

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27th. Wind and weather the same, but cold. At 8 a.m. the 12th Regt. reviewed. The Corsicans have a serjeant's guard at a post just made, a little above Middle Hill, where is a gun mounted;¹ they are relieved at night, and, being joined by an officer, go into the Queen's Lines.

28th. Wind and weather the same. The 25th Regt. reviewed. One of Sydow's, a miner, blown up and lost his arm. The Corsicans fire a good deal from the Queen's Lines.

29th. Wind and weather the same. About 5 p.m. the gun and mortar-boats came, and staid till about 6; their batteries opened, and all together killed and wounded several; the 59th lost six killed and lamed, one of our gun-boats was wounded and a launch sunk, the 97th barrack, Rosia, and several huts, damaged. The *Brilliant* in Rosia Bay.

30th. Wind easterly, and warm weather. About 8 a.m. came 49 boats and fired at the *Brilliant*, but their guns and mortars carry much farther than ours. Died the surgeon of the 25th Regt.² At night sailed two boats for Farro; and one of the Artillery went over the Rock, Queen's Battery at Willis', and is killed.

31st. Wind and weather the same. The Dons fire a good deal. Their line-of-battle ship removed to near the 1st River, since our firing at their camp.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Saturday. Wind the same, fine summer weather. The 59th Regt. reviewed.

2nd. Wind the same. A.M. The Dons fired a good deal and wounded a serjeant Artillery that went out at Land Port, to look for the above man; a shot came into the marquee of Capt. B——, 25th Regt., from the Dons, while he was in it. P.M. A flag of truce from them, much talk of peace. Ten or a dozen of their gun and mortar-boats gone into the 2nd River.

3rd. Wind westerly, and extreme fine weather. A.M. A flag of truce from us. The Dons came out of their works, and give us to understand that there is a cessation of arms, and the Governor has hinted as much; no firing on either side. The *S. M.* has got up her top-gallant mast and rigging. It seems the last Farro boat brought the news of the peace, and the men were to have 18 cobs each if they got safe here.

1. A place on the top ridge of the Rock is still known as "Corsican's Post." It is due east of Nursery Hut and just to the north of Middle Hill Battery.

2. Dr. Thompson.

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4th. Wind northerly and fresh. Last night the Dons came out about Devil's Tower, and were called to by the captain at Willis' to retire, but not doing it, he fired a shot over their heads into the sea, they calling out "Peace, peace!" P.M. Arrived a line-of-battle ship from the eastward, and gone to the Orange Grove. Several Spanish vessels came close to the Rock, and were fired on, seven shot, from the Advance, till the Governor sent and stopped it.

CASUALTIES FROM 12TH APRIL, 81, TO 3RD FEBRUARY, 1783.

<i>Killed.</i>	<i>Wounded.</i>
6 officers.	32 officers.
24 serjeants.	2 surgeons.
4 drummers.	70 serjeants.
275 rank and file.	15 drummers.
	959 rank and file.

SUPPOSED TO BE FIRED BY THE ENEMY IN THE SAME TIME.

	<i>Shot.</i>	<i>Shells.</i>
From their batteries	175741	68363
By the gun and mortar-boats.		
23 times in 1781	4830	5060
8 times in 1782	1235	1801
3 times in 1783	710	632
Total	182516	75861

5th. Wednesday. Wind easterly. A.M. A flag of truce from them, and we are given to understand there is a peace. A fishing boat drove over from the other side of the Bay, and our boats picked it up.

6th. Extreme fine weather. A.M. Another flag of truce from them. The Highlanders reviewed in their full dress. The works repairing. P.M. Sailed a settce.

7th. Wind westerly and fresh, with rain. A.M. Arrived a xebeck to the Dons. A parley by land, and an aid-de-camp of ours dined in their camp.

8th. Wind and weather the same. Last night arrived a Farro boat and the *General Howe*, store-ship, from Lisbon. A.M. The fishing boat sent back. The Corsican Company reviewed.

9th. Wind and weather the same. A great sea from the South-West. Last night arrived two boats from Farro, and another was stove on the rocks at Europa, and had two men drowned. The review of the 97th Regt. is put off, because not ready; they are kept off duty, and called the second battalion of the Corsicans, by derision.

10th. Fine weather. Sailed a tartan.

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11th. Wind easterly. Last night arrived a cutter from England, laden flour, &c. A.M. The *Brilliant* came into the Mole. The Artillery practised from King's Bastion. Orders for the regiments to change quarters next Sunday; the 12th, King's Bastion, 25th, Picquet yard, 58th, and Rheden's, to encamp in Town, and the 59th, and Sydow's, to the South Barracks.- The best green tea selling for four dollars per lb., and everything fallen to half price except wearing apparel. No more wood to be burnt by the soldiers, coals being in plenty, and the inhabitants' houses not to be inhabited but by their permission.

12th. Wind westerly and squally, with rain. Small quantities of liquor to be sold only by wine men.

13th. Wind the same, fine weather. A.M. Arrived a boat from Spain, laden fowls, &c., and offered them for three reals each, but they were ordered to be sold by auction, when they fetched some nine reals.

14th. Wind and weather the same, but cold. About sunrise, and again about 9 a.m., a good deal of firing at Tangier, also at about 5 p.m. The Dons continue to make signals at Cabareta Point.

15th. Wind the same, rainy weather. Last night arrived 3 boats from Farro. Things now very cheap. Houses begin to let very high in town, and huts wanted to purchase among the inhabitants. A.M. The 97th reviewed. P.M. A parley.

16th. Wind easterly, same part, fine weather. A.M. The regiments changed quarters. Arrived Lynch¹ with bullocks, &c., from Tetuan, but, not being allowed to land his cargo, he sailed to the westward. A General Court Martial to try an officer 97th, drunk on guard.

17th. Wind the same, and rain.

18th. Wind northerly, and fine but cold weather. Last night the wind blew very hard from the southward, and heavy rain; several huts blown down and the roof off several houses, gardens spoiled, &c.; forty butts of rum were washed into the sea, from the place it was buried in, below the camp guard. The Corsicans' huts blown quite away.

19th. Heavy rain.

20th. Wind westerly and fine weather. About noon a parley.

1. The *Flying Fish*, xebeck, owner Henry Lynch.

FEBRUARY.

22nd. Wind the same and warm weather. A.M. The Dons employed carrying away their artillery from their advanced works, and about noon relieved their guards. The Duke's coach came to the advanced works. Fine loaf sugar sells $3\frac{1}{2}$ reals per lb.; writing paper, the first we have had for some time, at 5 reals per quire. P.M. Sailed a boat.

23rd. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Arrived a lugger 8 days from Falmouth. Died the Surgeon of the 59th Regt.¹

24th. Wind the same and fresh. A.M. Arrived a topsail schooner, 6 days from England.

25th. Wind and weather the same. Arrived a brig from England. A party from Spain.

26th. Wind the same. Came in two deserters. 12th Regt. a field day for those off duty.

28th. Wind easterly. Arrived a xebec from Leghorn and a schooner from Algiers laden sheep, wine, &c. Sailed the *General Howe*, 2 boats, &c. Signed the letter of Attorney to receive the prize money. The Town repairing.

MARCH.

1st. Saturday. Wind westerly. A.M. Arrived a boat from Farro. A parley.

2nd. Wind the same and fresh, with rain. A.M. Died mate 12th Regt.

3rd. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Came in a deserter, but they are kept so close, no one can speak to them; some of the others went in the *General Howe*. The last flag of truce mentioned the Court of Spain having sent an army down, and planted a chain of centries from sea to sea, to prevent any from their camp going up the country, saying they have the plague among them.

4th. Wind the same, fresh, and cold weather. A corporal 73rd deserted, and last night a bombardier of the Artillery deserted from the Town Battery, Willis'. About 3 p.m. arrived a boat from Farro. A poor Jew robbed of 100 cobs. The Garrison baker reprimanded, having delivered very bad and dirty bread for some time past.

5th. Wind and weather the same. About 8 a.m. arrived a schooner from Larache, laden 3 bullocks, a cow, and heifer, sheep, &c., and 60 dozen of fowls 2 officers and 24 private Corsicans,² and 4 or 5 sailors, with a letter from the

1. Dr. Mumforth.

2. On their passage to Gibraltar they had been chased ashore on the coast of Barbary, by the Spaniards (Drinkwater).

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Emperor or Governor of Larache. The provisions were the property of a master of a vessel, a native of this place, and put into Barbary to prevent being taken by the Dons. The Artillery at exercise every day, learning to march, &c. Wind-mill Hill blasting and clearing away as usual.

6th. Wind and weather the same. About 9 a.m. arrived a schooner from Farro. A parley from them. A serjeant of Artillery went out to look for the bombardier, but could not find him.

7th. Wind and weather the same, but not quite so cold, and rain. Last night came in two deserters. A parley.

8th. Wind the same, and cloudy weather. A parley, and says our frigate sailed from England the 20th of last month.

9th. Wind the same, and some mild weather.

10th. Wind the same, fine weather. About 2 p.m. arrived the *Thetis*, a 44 gun frigate, 13 days from England and brought Sir Roger Curtis. A boat also from Farro. The Sub of Middle Hill Guard to visit the Signal House, and corporal's guard, between 2 and 3 in the morning.

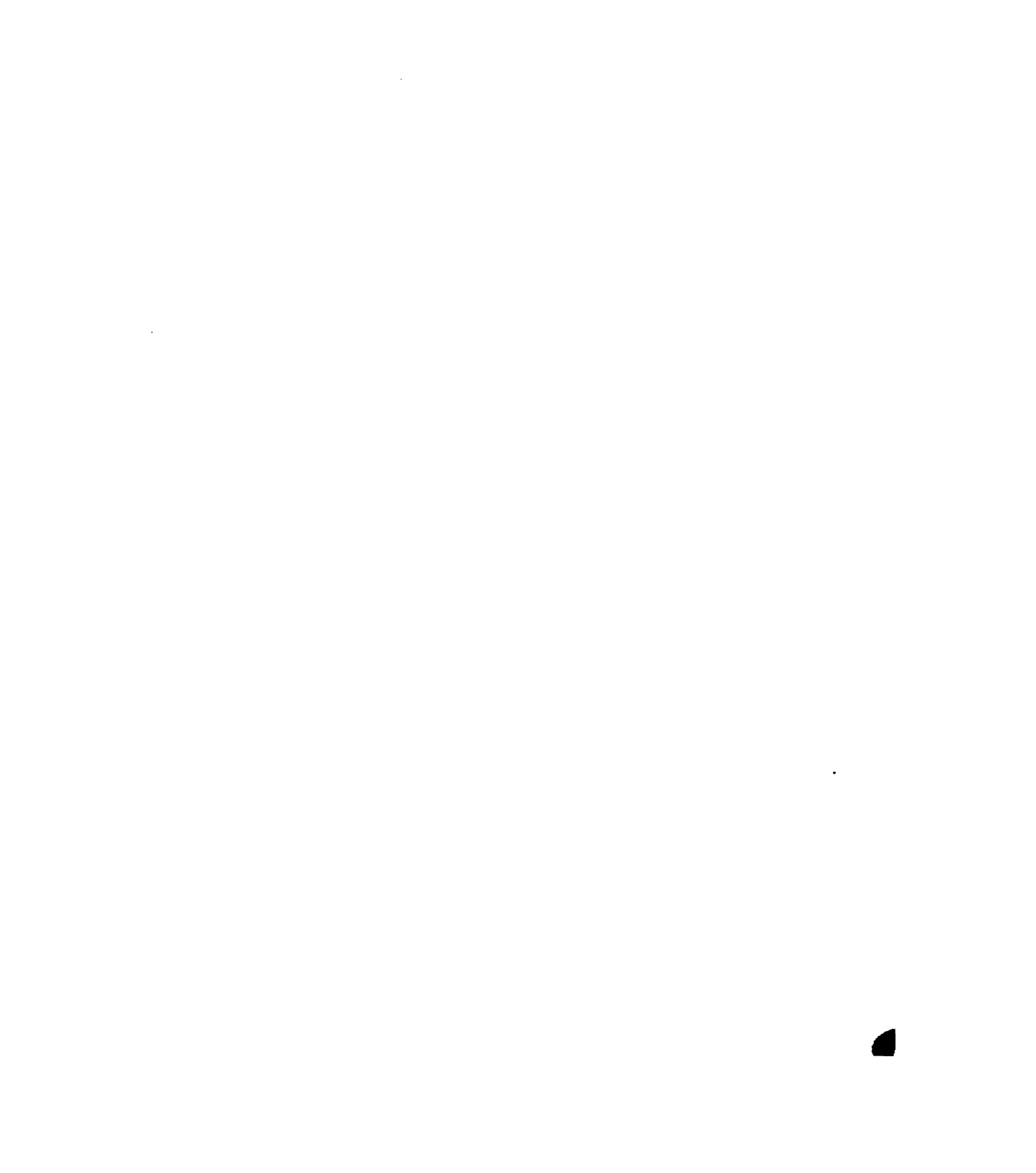
11th. Wind the same, and rain. About 11 a.m. some frigates and a convoy of about 20 French vessels gone to Algazeras; our people overjoyed at seeing them, mistaking them for the relief. P.M. About 13 sail of French men-of-war gone to the eastward. Five deserters came in.

12th. Wind the same, and fine but cold weather, as has been all this month. A.M. Arrived a boat from Farro. About 11 came a parley, and the Governor went out and met the Duke de Crillon, about half way to their nearest approach, who had been there some time waiting for him; they remained near an hour in conversation.

14th. Wind the same, very cold. About 10 a.m. came in a deserter from their Artillery. Several men-of-war gone through. The Fish Market to be kept again at Waterport, and all the small vessels are come round to the Old Mole. The Gallery under the Queen's Battery, Willis', going on. The Spanish officers, &c., seem glad to get a word with us, at the extremity Queen's Lines.

15th. Wind and weather the same. The French convoy sailed, suppose they came only for water; they are full of men. Preparations going on for the investment¹ of the Governor.

¹ The investiture of the Governor with the Order of the Bath.





King's Bastion, and superstructure beginning. (Author's description)

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17th. Wind easterly and very fresh. A.M. Arrived a brig, a Swede, from Liverpool, laden, some here, and some for Leghorn; she came to, off the Old Mole, but, striving to change her berth, she went over to the Orange Grove. P.M. The *Thetis* got under weigh, but was obliged to come to, again, and is near one of the junk ship wrecks. The Commodore gone into Spain.

18th. Wind the same, hard rain, thunder and lightning. At about 9 a.m. the *Thetis* ran aground, but towed off and sailed. The brig came back from the Orange Grove. Came in 8 more deserters, Walloons. P.M. A parley, with a fine white horse to the Governor from the Duke

19th. Wind and weather the same for some past. P.M. Sailed the topsail schooner. The *Speedwell* anchored in Rosia Bay, and great preparations making on the King's Bastion for the investment.

20th. Wind the same, cloudy and some rain. A.M. The *Porcupine* anchored in Rosia Bay. The Church Alley, where several of the old inhabitants have been buried, is dug up and made a sawpit of.

21st. Wind westerly, fresh, and cold weather. A.M. Arrived, and anchored off the Old Mole, an American ship from Marseilles to Philadelphia. About 11 p.m. arrived the *Diana*, storeship, from Leghorn, laden 700 butts of wine. Sailed the American.

22nd. Wind westerly, and rain. A.M. Arrived three Danes. About 10 sailed the *St. Michael* for England, *Porcupine* and *Speedwell* for Barbary. About noon arrived a schooner 13 days from Liverpool. People still busy preparing for the investment, also clearing Windmill Hill and the streets, of the traverses. Frequent parleys.

23rd. Wind the same, dull warm weather. Came in 11 Walloons, deserters. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 a.m. a gun was fired from Fort Phillip, and our Governor went out and dined with the Duke.

24th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Seven musicians deserted, and sailed in a boat, 2 of the 28th, 3 of the 58th and 2 of the 59th, taking their instruments and musick with them. It appears that the King of Spain will not permit his people to come in here, and therefore we do not go out, tho' both parties invite each other. About 8 p.m. one 73rd marquee burnt.

25th. Wind and weather the same. P.M. Two Spanish barges, with Officers, &c., came along the Line Wall, and as far as Bona Vista, and were invited on shore, but they said they had orders against it.

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26th. Wind westerly, foggy, and fine weather. A.M. Arrived a brig from Penzance, 18 days. About 3 p.m. arrived a boat from Farro, a Swede, and an English brig. Came in a deserter, and another was fired at and taken; our centries fired to protect them.

28th. Wind the same, fresh, and weather the same. Arrived the *Porcupine* and about 9 vessels; 3 boats from Tangier, laden about 10 bullocks.

29th. Wind the same, and fine weather. The bullocks that came in the *Porcupine* are given to the regiments, &c., at the rate of a pound each man, for which they are to be stopped half a pound of salt beef only. Everything is now getting cheap, and vessels arrive every day. Last night came a boat with game from Algazeras.

31st. Wind easterly, and very fine warm weather. About 10 a.m. the Duke de Crillon came into the Garrison, attended by 5 officers, 2 dragoons, servants, &c., he was saluted 17 guns from Grand Battery, and had a captain's guard. All the officers were presented to him at the Convent by corps; the men were all dressed as for Sunday, and the 73rd wore their plaids, &c., and the streets were so crowded they could hardly pass, the soldiers cheering all the way he went. After having seen Willis', and Ince's gallery, he dined at the Convent, and had all the brigadiers and staff to attend him, after which he went round Europa, &c., the regiments falling in as he passed, and returned about 8 p.m. through Land Port, when the same salute was fired as at his entrance. The *Porcupine* sailed again for bullocks. Last night a man attempted to rob my house.

APRIL.

1st. Tuesday. Wind the same. Last night arrived a coal ship that has been long at Farro, and another from the Downs. Gun begins to fire this night at 9 o'clock.

5th. Wind the same, and warm weather. Came in a deserter.

6th. Wind and weather the same. Arrived 2 Moorish boats from Tetuan, bullocks, &c., which they lash down in the boat so that the animal cannot stir, but these animals are used very cruelly in this place, and many almost starved to death.

7th. Wind westerly, weather the same. Several more deserters come in. They have now very few soldiers on this coast, and are displeased when our boats go too near, asking if we have not seen enough on our own side the Bay.



Half of the Colonnade on the Bastion with the Colours of the 12th Regiment displayed on the centre arch.
(Author's description)

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8th. Wind easterly and dull weather. Arrived a coal vessel from the westward, that worked in with ease. Beef sells one real per lb. Spanish fishing boats come in, and sell different things, rabbits, &c. One 12th found, who has been absent 2 or three days. P.M. The 2 line-of-battle ships gone to the westward.

11th. Wind westerly, and fine weather. Arrived several vessels, one an Irish sloop from Cork, under Irish colours, and it appears the Commodore threatened having them burnt by the hangman, which seems to be taken up by some of the Irish officers here.

12th. Wind the same and fresh. Arrived the *Porcupine*; it appears the Emperor paid great respect to the Secretary, and fired 21 guns to the *Porcupine*, 19 when he landed, and lodged him in the Castle.

13th. Wind the same and fine weather, and equally the same as at the beginning of the firing. P.M. Arrived the *Achilles*, storeship. Some of the junk ship guns proved, 22 lb. of powder and 2 shot. Potatoes down to 6-8 reals per cwt.

15th. Wind easterly. Sailed the *Diana* for England; several officers and the deserters are gone. P.M. The Commodore took boat at Ragged Staff, and was saluted by 17 guns from the South Bastion, &c., and sailed for Tangier. Willis' a subaltern's guard, and Rock Gun a serjeant's. Four of the brass junk ship guns, and field carriages, sent as a present to the Emperor.

19th. Wind the same. Nine embrasures are now made in Ince's Cave, and one is made under The Queen's Battery at Willis', and the whole going on. It appears that our engineers have been out, and seen their advanced works, and some even into Fort Phillip, and that the Dons have been extremely civil, but this is done as it were underhand, for the orders on both sides are still against the communications being opened.

21st. Wind westerly, fine and warm weather. Arrived the *Mercury*, store-ship. Several officers have been out to the Spanish works, St. Rock, Algazeras, &c.; they are fitting out their guns and mortar-boats, as they say, to go against Algiers, they having taken about 900 of their troops, going from hence in their transports.

23rd. St. George's Day. Wind easterly and cloudy, dull and very disagreeable weather. About 9 a.m. the Governor came on the Red Sands, where a detachment from each corps of the Garrison was drawn up in two lines, opposite the center of which he read a letter thanking them for their services, and then his

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own thanks; the whole saluted, and the Artillery, who were drawn up in front of the left wing, fired 21 guns, and a round from the troops by way of running fire, then the guns as before, and running fire 3 times, and then cheers. Afterwards the streets were lined, and, the procession went from the Convent to the colonnade¹ on the King's Bastion, General Boyd as King's Commissioner, and, after the ribband was put on, the grenadiers that followed the procession fired, and then the guns from right to left of the Bastion, from Hesse's Battery to the Flat Bastion included.

The Field officers, &c., and Staff dined at the Convent, and the soldiers, &c., have a bottle of wine and a pound of fresh beef each, gratis, so that the Captains and Subalterns are the only ones not taken notice of in this day's entertainment. At about dusk the lamps were lighted in the colonnade, but were blown out in general, except those in the center arch, and, there being no musick, all seemed extremely dull, or like Ranelagh, or some of the publick places, deserted. About 9 p.m. the fireworks were exhibited, but it rained at times very hard, and of course did them no service, but they were too much of a sameness to have been good at any rate, except the sun and the rockets that answered very well. At last, the rain coming through the canvas, the spectators were obliged to seek shelter in the best manner they could, and, to conclude, the gates at South Port being shut, and the wickets left open, such a mob gathered there that some lives were in danger of being lost, there being nothing but a scene of confusion, fighting, &c., till the gates could be got open, and the whole dispersed; it seems the guard threatened to fire on them, but were only laughed at. In short, some at the C² had made a little too free with the bottle, and were hardly able to manage themselves, much less a mob they had so perfectly contrived to set together by the ears, but it turned out all of a piece. Never was a worse salute performed by the Artillery, they not being able to fire a salute of 21 guns from 6 they had in the field, two of them being so neglected as to have a shot in each, left at the bottom before their loading was put in, and their tubes were in general too long; a worse feu de joye fired by troops, worse weather, worse musick, worse fireworks, or worse entertainment.

1. The colonnade was composed of masts and yards of the Enemy's Battering Ships, with fascines and sand-bags.

2. ? Convent.



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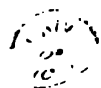


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24th. Wind westerly, and rain. Several vessels arrived lately, and others continue to come in daily.

25th. Wind and weather the same. Officers have been continually going in boats about the Bay since the peace, and have sometimes got on shore, but to-day, the Dons preventing some of them from landing, they were told that Gibraltar was to be sold to Spain, and were therefore admitted.

26th. Wind the same, fine and hot weather. A.M. Came in the Spanish aid-de-camp with the above news, and we are now forbid to land or go into Spain on any account. Several deserters come in. A serjeant of Sydow's deserted.

27th. Wind southerly, and weather the same. The Dons are burning their huts, &c., in the camp ground.

29th. Wind easterly and fresh. A.M. Having the Governor's leave, which is now asked for by the Commanding Officers, who did not venture to ask it before, to go out at Land Port, strolled to the Spanish advanced works from one end to the other; they have a serjeant's guard and some centries, who hesitated at our going in. They are from 9 to 12 fascines high, well faced with sand, sand-bags, &c., and full of traverses, but the timbers are now all taking away. Their magazines and guard-houses are well constructed, being slopes of timber against the fascine work, well covered with thick plank, or rather timbers; the former, of which they had many, were well rammed with clay and sand-bags, and held only about 8 barrels of powder each, made up in cartridges, which they brought every night; the communication betwixt the batteries had a banquet about half way from the top to the bottom, and 4 or 5 fascines broad, for the men to be drawn up on, and very easy to be got down or assaulted; their ditches in their front were all lined with fascines, but were soon filled with sand, as we could see long ago.

The Empetrardo Battery had six guns, fixed on a kind of wooden mortar bed, sunk very deep in the ground. The floor of their works or batteries was all rammed clay, very hard, and easily kept free from sand; the sleepers of the mortar platforms were about 7 inches thick, of which they were 3 deep, well put together, and rammed with clay; their splinter-proofs were chiefly in the mortar batteries, which were well traversed and very high; the other splinter-proofs in the branches were very slender, but covered over with daubed canvas, apparently to keep out the rain, and, if one may judge from circumstances, their people, tho'

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in the trenches, were not nearly so exposed as ours, either to the weather, or even the enemy. They allow having had 1,200 killed and 400 disabled, but the chief of their loss must have been at the times their works were on fire, (for the working parties always shifted from the place they saw us, when we did fire, fire at), which is surprising did not happen oftener, from their being so crowded with fascines, but the red hot shot were much wanted, our shells, chiefly 13 inch, being too heavy, and sunk too deep in the sand, (want of 10 inch for that service), and our very small ones could only annoy the patrols and stragglers; their mortar beds are much smaller than ours, or are cut horizontally through the center. Arrived 2 more Corsican officers, having been taken prisoners when coming here, and 15 men, the former from England, the latter from the camp, where they have been kept in irons, and on bread and water, ever since they were taken; the company now consists of 11 officers and 150 men. Also 2 Danes from Genoa, laden tradesmen and materials for building, but there is an order that no inhabitant is to make lime, or employ a soldier to work for them, so that the Town will not be re-built in a hurry. The colonnade to remain till 14th June.

MAY.

1st. Thursday. Wind the same and rain. Their huts still burning. The three years men of the 25th and 59th begin to be very unruly, and inclined to mutiny; one of the latter called (i. P.) a —, and many behave insolently to the officers. Several packets of letters are said to be come to St. Rock, but their Governor has no orders to send them in here.

3rd. Wind westerly, and rainy weather. The Commanding Officers having memorialled the Governor for a further allowance of bāt and forage money, he received it very graciously, and sent a copy of a letter, or order, from General Conway, dated 11th February last, that the 73rd and 97th Regts. were to receive bāt and forage money, only from the time of their arriving in this Garrison. It seems 8 inhabitants only have license to sell tobacco here.

5th. Wind the same, and cold, though fine weather after the rain. A vessel sailed some time ago to load at Algiers, but it is returned empty, they saying that, as we have made a peace with their enemies the Spaniards, we may send to them to get her loaded.

1. Apparently General Picton.



Ince's Gallery. (Author's descriptions)

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Inside Ince's Gallery.

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6th. Wind the same, with rain. Arrived the *Ranger*, store-ship, shot, shells, camp, equipage, &c., being a part of the *Dutchess of Richmond's* lading, and landed ¹ at Portsmouth.

7th. Wind the same, and fine weather. Arrived the *Laudaku*, store-ship, laden as above. About 200,000 rounds are said to be arrived already.

8th. Wind the same, and squally, with rain. A.M. Sailed from Algazeras the Spanish Armada against Algiers, about 25 gun-boats, 21 mortar-boats, 5 xebecs, &c., in all about 80 vessels. Arrived a Venetian from England with some Jews. About 17 topsail vessels are now riding in the Bay. They went close by Europa and cheered.

10th. Wind westward, and fine weather. About noon came in the Imperial Ambassador to the Spanish coast; he, desiring it, was not saluted, but the men were ordered to leave off work, and to appear clean, as for Sunday.

11th. Wind and weather the same. The Ambassador stayed all night, and having been all over the Garrison, returned this afternoon. Several of the 3 years men of the 12th Regt. inlisted afresh. The earth, &c., taking from off the magazines at Rosia. Ince's gallery has 10 embrasures and an air hole cut, and is about 600 and odd feet long; the 9th chamber or cave is large enough for a guard room, has 2 doors, and is tolerably dry. The Dons have nearly burnt all their huts, &c.

12th. Wind and weather the same. Two or three men of the 73rd are hurt by teasing a bullock; and a corporal and three men 97th, and one 59th, are stabbed by a Corsican, teasing him.

15th. Nearly calm, and dull weather. A.M. The *Mercury* trying to get out. P.M. She sailed.

16th. Wind the same, and rain. The 12th, 39th, 56th, and 58th, are inlisting afresh their three years men. It was understood that Admiral Barcello wished to see this place, and a message was sent to him, but he refused.

18th. Wind the same, and fine weather. Arrived the *Brilliant*, but the Commodore is left at Sallee with the Emperor.

19th. Wind westerly, fresh and cloudy weather. Arrived two frigates to the Dons.

1. ? Loaded.

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20th. Wind the same, fresh and cold, with drops of rain. Sailed a Spanish ship and xebec aloft. Our Governor dined at St. Rock.

21st. Wind the same, and fine weather. Another complaint has been made by the Dons, of our officers, who have forced their centres and gone into their lines, &c., and now no one is to go out without the Governor's pass, specifying how far they are to go. Arrived a vessel from Farro with dispatches for the Governor. The officers now play at cricket on Windmill Hill; one 72nd had his nose broke. The Picquets reduced about $\frac{1}{3}$ of their men. The meat is now killed again in the Zoca, which, one part of it, is covered over. Wine being in plenty, the soldiers now live a very disorderly life, and are constantly quarrelling with the Jews, or among themselves.

22nd. Wind the same, cold weather and some rain. Sailed the two Spanish ships aloft, or to the eastward.

25th. Wind the same, fine weather but cool. The additional gunners returned to their regiments, and the Artillery picquet is taken off, and the picquet under the gateway has now tents, to lay in. The road nearly finished to the Advance through the Hole in the Wall.

26th. Wind the same, hard rain and cold weather. Arrived a line-of-battle ship and two small ones to the Dons. The soldiers shout and rejoice on seeing ships enter the Gut, supposing them the relief. The Governor has mentioned the 11th, 18th, 32nd and 50th Regts. to relieve us.

27th. Wind and weather the same. About 2 p.m. arrived 9 transports from England, laden provisions, naval stores, &c. The *Speedwell* gone out, and is trying to get to the westward.

28th. Wind the same, fine and cold weather after the rain. The Hanoverians' Brigade to find only two officers for picquet instead of three.

29th. Wind the same, some rain.

30th. Wind the same, and fine weather. A barber's boy having hung some powder up in his hut, it went off and blew it up.

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1st. Sunday. Wind and weather the same. The regiments begin a kind of drill, or field days, again.

2nd. Wind the same, dull and cloudy weather, with a little rain. It seems that, about a fortnight ago, one 58th fell over the Rock at Green's Lodge, and of course dashed to pieces.

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3rd. Wind and weather the same. Two Danish frigates from the eastward came to Algazeras. Ince's gallery got to within a few yards of the notch, and a gallery is now making to it on the outside from the furthest embrasure.

4th. Wind the same, and rainy weather. The Governor has his guard, and the Field Officers, and Staff, to dine; some few fire-works, but no illumination; 45 guns were fired.

5th. Wind the same, fresh, and fine weather. Several line-of-battle ships gone through to the eastward.

6th. Wind easterly. Sailed several vessels, the Danish frigates, &c. The *Brilliant* and *Speedwell* for Tangier.

7th. Wind the same. Sailed the *Ranger* for Lisbon, and the *Landahn* for England, with the Generals Green, and Picton, and several officers.

8th. Wind the same, thunder, lightning, very large hail, and rain. Some of the hailstones are said to have measured between 3 and 4 inches round. The colonnade taking down.

10th. Wind the same, and fine weather. The Company of Artillery encamped at Bona Vista changed to Rosia. One 72nd tried General Court Martial, and punished for striking Lt. R——, said Regt., and sentenced 1,000 lashes.

11th. Wind the same, fresh, and weather the same; but, as usual, it rises and falls with the sun, and frequently the sea is quite calm, when the sea breaks in the Gut, which makes it not very surprizing so few vessels got in in the war, as we have experienced. A.M. Arrived the *Barracouta*, cutter, 19 days from England, with Major Vallotton with dispatches to the Governor. The transports are berthing for the soldiers, and the 72nd, 73rd, and 97th are to go away as fast as the vessels are ready to receive them, their men being allowed to enlist in any of the old corps, &c., that chuse to take them.

12th. Wind the same. Arrived the Commodore and *Speedwell*, also two Moorish men-of-war. The Artificers Company are encamped now in Town.

15th. Wind the same, and mizzling rain that prevented Divine Service. The Corsican that stabbed the soldier has received 500 lashes in our manner, and is to receive 300 more, and their officers seem much hurt at it; he was tried at the above General Court Martial. The old regiments are recruiting from the 3 years men and young regiments, and a fine scene of drunkenness, fighting, &c., is going forward. Captain E——, 97th Regiment, made an apology to Major F——, 25th, for what he said to him, and for striking a man 25th Regt.

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17th. Wind easterly. Sailed the Moorish men-of-war, and saluted one gun each, the Garrison returned a gun. The Corsican Company have received notice they are their own masters.

18th. Wind westerly and fresh. The road to the Advance through the Hole in the Wall finished.

19th. Wind the same, cloudy weather. About 3 p.m. sailed the Commodore with General Boyd for Leghorn. About 6 p.m. Quarter-master Rumbold, 27th Regt., leaped into the sea near the Advance, and drowned himself.

20th. Wind the same, and dull hazy weather. A.M. A line-of-battle ship past near Europa without shewing her colours, and was not fired at.

21st. Wind easterly. No more working on Sunday except on particular occasions.

22nd. Wind the same, and hot weather. Sailed the *Barracouta*, cutter, with duplicates of the prize lists. About 8 p.m. arrived a topsail schooner, that fired two guns.

23rd. Wind and weather the same. A.M. The Corsicans embarked on board a Danish brig taken for them, and are ready to depart for the eastward; the officers have about 6 years half pay given them, and the men a guinea, as a gratuity; they were reviewed by the Governor. A guard as usual sent to Windmill Hill. About 9 p.m. a fire in their camp, and illuminations at Algazeras.

24th. Wind, &c., the same. Only 5 picquets to mount now, 1 at Land Port, 1 at Waterport, 1 Queen's Lines, 1 Picquet Guard, and 1 at the South; the 97th give none.

25th. Wind the same and fresh. About 3 p.m. a recruiting party 36th Regt. were stopped by the 72nd and 73rd Regts., and beat, stoned, &c., so that many of both parties were sent to the Hospital with the loss of an eye, fractured skulls, &c., and some taken up for the riot; this is the 3rd fray that has happened on that account. One 73rd stabbed, one 72nd being caught with his wife, and one 97th stabbed himself for love.

26th. Wind the same, and hazy weather. Arrived a Moorish Admiral with a 15 inch mortar and six 12 inch howitzers, brass, to get them mounted. Recruiting parties are not to be molested.

27th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A General Court Martial to try a serjeant 39th for an offence, and four of 72nd for the riot. A company Artillery

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quartered at Windmill Hill, and have taken a good deal of ammunition. The 56th opened a wine-house or two, and the men are enlisting tolerably fast.

28th. Wind and weather the same. The Corsicans sailed to the east. The extra allowance for the Surgeons, and the extra ingineers, struck off to the 30th inst.

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3rd. Thursday. Wind and weather the same. A.M. Two fishing boats, that were stopped by the Spaniards on account of smuggling, brought back on application from the Governor.

6th. Wind and weather the same, and very hot. At 7 and 8 a.m. embarked the 72nd and 73rd Regts., and at about 3 p.m. they sailed, the Governor having forgiven the rioters, who were sentenced severe punishments, and made them a very pathetick speech. Two captains, 1 sub, 23 corporals, 2 drums, and 90 private, taken off the detail; the captains, one from Water Port, the other the Main, and the sub Little Bay.

12th. Wind and weather the same. The opposite shore not to be seen since this wind began. The 97th taken off duty. About 9 p.m. one 59th, having some quarrel with his comrade, a serjeant, loaded his firelock, and shot him while asleep in bed.

13th. Wind and weather the same. One of the Hanoverian parsons officiated at Divine Service this morning.

18th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. A General Court Martial to try the man 59th for the wilful murder of the serjeant. About 2 p.m. the 97th Regt. embarked and sailed. The inhabitants that have ground in Town are desired to remove there, as an order will soon be given for levelling all buildings, erected since the siege, &c., south of South Port Ditch. No more duty taken off. The captains have a day guard, and night guard, and a picquet in thirteen days, tho' the Dons have but two battalions in all this country. The inhabitants to give in a return of their names and time of residence, and none to leave the Garrison, without reporting where they are going, and how long they mean to be absent, on pain of being expelled. The Parade Red Sands covering over with stones, rubbish, &c. Most of the junk ship guns are expected to be got up; an Algerian dives, and slings them. Ten more mortars, English 8 inch, sent by the Emperor to be mounted. Spruce beer not allowed to be sold, it paying no duty.

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AUGUST.

2nd. Saturday. Hot weather. A General Court Martial to try some 58th for robbing; an inhabitant's hut pulled down, supposed to have sold some of Government's iron, a mistake. One 12th found drowned at the Advance. About 2 p.m. an elderly inhabitant, a barber, shot himself in consequence of the above iron. No soldier to work, or do any kind of service, for an inhabitant. Many inhabitants arrived from England.

6th. Wind westerly, weather the same. A.M. Arrived the *Orpheus* and *King's Fisher*, 13 days from Portsmouth.

7th. Wind easterly. Arrived the *Brilliant*. One 25th shot himself.

9th. Wind the same and fresh. A.M. One 59th robbed the Hanoverians of watches, &c., and being detected, nearly hanged himself, in a handkerchief. Sailed the *Speedwell*.

10th. Wind the same, very hot weather. A.M. A small shower of rain. Sailed the *Porcupine* for England.

19th. Wind the same and cool weather. Thunder, lightning, and some rain.

21st. Wind westerly. A.M. Sailed the Commodore, *Orpheus*, and sloop, for aloft.

29th. Wind the same. P.M. Captain C——,¹ 59th, being got over to Sandy Bay in Spain, and having some misunderstanding with the Spanish centry, was fired at, and wounded in the belly. About 6 arrived two transports for the Artillery. One 39th deserted from Land Port.

30th. Wind and weather the same. The 25th, 59th, and Artificer Company, to inlist for the old regiments.

31st. Wind and weather the same. About 10 a.m. arrived another transport for the Artillery. The captain Prince's Lines, and the 3 picquets captains, taken off, and Europa made a night guard.

SEPTEMBER.

6th. Saturday. Wind easterly. About 10 a.m. the Artillery embarked and sailed. Five Companies are only come, a 6th is to come from Newfoundland. Yesterday 12 sail of the line, Russians or Dutch, went through to the eastward. The 3 years men of the 25th and 59th to inlist in the four old regiments going home.

1. Captain Codd. It appears from the despatches that he was shot while in his boat, without any apparent reason. Full satisfaction was however given by the Spanish authorities.



Spanish Inn and Sir T. Gascoign's Carriage. (Author's description)

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SEPTEMBER.

13th. Wind westerly, rain, thunder, &c. At about 5 p.m. the evening gun fired, and the gates were shut, on account of the day.

18th. Wind the same, fine cool weather. One 39th deserted from Land Port.

24th. Wind the same, and fine weather. One 25th deserted from Water Port. One 25th cut the hand off one 58th with a hatchet.

29th. Wind easterly. Last night a serjeant of Sydow's deserted from Water Port. One of the Hanoverian officers having fallen down and displaced some of the vertebrae of his spine, lost the use of his limbs, and is dead.

OCTOBER.

1st. Wednesday. Wind the same. All the guards mount at the Red Sands parade at 7 a.m., it being nearly finished. The guards to report to the field officer, and not the Governor, unless anything requires his immediate notice.

5th. Wind westerly. A draughtsman is arrived, (so said, but not true) sent by the City of London¹ to draw this place, and the Governor.

11th. Wind the same, and very heavy rain. One 25th deserted from Land Port.

13th. Wind easterly, weather the same. A.M. Arrived the *Thetis*, 10 days from England.

15th. Wind and weather the same. The Governor having let so many of the captains 39th go away, they have only 2 to do duty; he asked the 12th, whose captains have all been detained, out of charity to assist them, which, they refusing, he has ordered the British regiments to do duty for the captains they have present; the Hanoverians refused, but desired to be put on the same footing with the rest. The Governor said it was the only favour he ever asked.

17th. Wind and weather the same. A.M. The *Thetis* sailed for aloft, and saluted. The Governor has desired the Dons to withdraw their people from the Rock, and a Colonel, Captain, &c., were desired to take possession, but they went away in peace. Many Spanish deserters now in the Garrison. Many robberies.

19th. Wind the same, cloudy weather. One 59th deserted.

29th. Wind westerly, fine weather. Last night guard Europa. About 6 a.m. arrived the *Goliath*, *Ardent*, *Ganges*, and *Diadem*, with the Queen's and 18th Regts. to relieve the Garrison. The Officers' huts taken for Government.

1. Mr. Poggi the artist of the well known engraving of the sortie had arrived at the end of August for this purpose.

1783 **30th.** Wind easterly. About 8 a.m. landed the 2nd and 18th Regiments, who are to recruit instead of the 25th and 59th.

31st. Wind the same. A.M. Arrived 4 companies of the 11th Regt., and that with the women and baggage of 2nd and 18th.

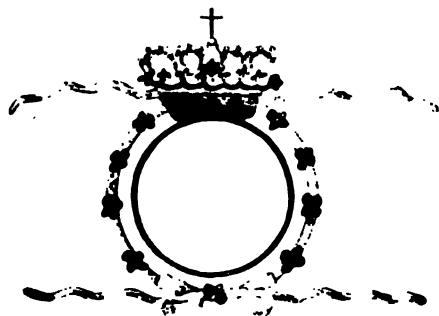
NOVEMBER.

1st. Saturday. Wind the same, rainy weather, being the longest wet season we remember. A.M. Arrived Sir John Lindzay in the *Phœton*, and two other men-of-war, and some transports; the 11th and 32nd Regts.

8th. Wind the same, fine weather. The 12th and 39th Regts. taken off duty.

10th. Wind westerly, and very rainy weather. About 5 a.m., and before daylight, the 12th and 39th Regts. formed, and waited on Grand Battery, and along the Line Wall, till about 8, for the boats at Water Port, when they embarked on board the four ships.

THE END.



Spanish Colours. (Author's description)

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APPENDIX I.

Notes by the Author, of the Disposition of the Ordnance
in Gibraltar in 1773, and other Notes
made by him.

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee.

DISPOSITION OF THE ORDNANCE MOUNTED IN THE GARRISON
OF GIBRALTAR, JUNE 4TH, 1773.

		<i>Howitzers.</i> <i>inches.</i>	<i>Mortars.</i> <i>inches.</i>	<i>Guns.</i> <i>pounders.</i>	<i>Brass.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>
WILLIS.	New Mortar Battery		5½ in.		6	
	The Queen's Battery			18 pr.		6
				12 pr.		3
				6 pr.		1
						3
	Princess Anne's Battery				2	
					2	
					10	
	Princess Amelia's Battery			12 pr.		5
				9 pr.		4
				6 pr.	2	
PRINCE'S LINE.	Princess Caroline's Battery				4	
				8 in.	2	
				5½ in.	4	
					6	
	Queen Charlotte's Battery			9 pr.		2
				12 pr.		2
	Total		43	25	42	26
	The 1st Battery			6 pr.		2
	The 2nd Battery			6 pr.		2
	The 3rd Battery			9 pr.		2
	The 4th Battery			6 pr.	1	
					2	
					2	
	Total		4	7	5	6
KING'S LINE.	The 1st Battery			9 pr.		2
	The 2nd Battery			9 pr.		2
				6 pr.	1	
					2	
					2	
	The 3rd or Hanover Battery			24 pr.		2
				6 pr.		2
	The 4th or Queen's Battery			24 pr.		3
				18 pr.		1
	Total		4	13	5	12

	<i>Howitzers.</i>	<i>Mortars.</i>	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Brass.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>
The Cover Battery at Land Port	8 in.			2	

LINE WALL.	NORTH FRONT.	Prince of Hesse's Battery {		18 pr.		2
		Grand Battery {		4 pr.		4
		North Bastion {		18 pr.	17	6
				12 pr.	4	2
				6 pr.		1
		Old Mole {	10 in.	24 pr.	2	17
	Total		13 in.	—	—	2
			4	53	23	34
	WEST FRONT.	Montagu Battery {		18 pr.		8
		Navy Yard Battery ... {		18 pr.		4
				4 pr.		2
		Prince of Orange Battery {		16 pr.		1
			8 in.	12 pr.		2
		Saluting Battery ... {			1	
				12 pr.	17	1
		White Cloister Battery ... {		9 pr.	3	
				12 pr.		2
		Zoca Battery {		18 pr.		2
				4 pr.		2
		Main Guard Battery ... {		18 pr.		6
				4 pr.		3
		The 8th Battery {	8 in.	18 pr.		3
		Bomb House Battery ... {		24 pr.		3
				18 pr.		1
	SOUTH FRONT.	Columbine Battery ... {		24 pr.		3
				4 pr.		2
		Church Battery {		24 pr.		4
		Convent Battery {		24 pr.		2
			8 in.		2	
		South Bastion {		24 pr.		8
				6 pr.		1
				3 pr.	3	
	Total		10 in.		2	
			8 in.		2	
	Total		8	—	83	31
						60
	SOUTH FRONT.	South Bastion {		24 pr.		4
				4 pr.		3
			8 in.		2	
				8 in.	6	
	Total		5½ in.		1	
			2	7	9	7

PRINCESS OF WALES'S LINES.

	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>
Lady Elizabeth's Battery	32 pr.	3
Princess of Wales's Battery	18 pr.	2
	12 pr.	6
	4 pr.	5
Lady Augusta's Battery	18 pr.	4
	16 pr.	1
Prince Henry's Battery	6 pr.	4
Total	25	25

Prince of Wales's Battery	32 pr.	3
Cumberland Battery	18 pr.	5
The 8 Gun Battery	32 pr.	5
	4 pr.	1
Flank Battery on Line Wall	4 pr.	2
	4 pr.	2
Prince Edward's Battery	32 pr.	4
Total	22	22

NEW MOLE.

New Mole Battery	32 pr.	20
	18 pr.	1
New Mole Head Battery	32 pr.	2
	18 pr.	1
Prince William's Battery	32 pr.	3
Total	27	27

ROSIA.

	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Brass.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>
1st Battery... ..	18 pr.		2
	32 pr.		1
2nd Battery	12 pr.		1
	4 pr.		3
	12 pr.		2
3rd Battery	4 pr.	1	1
	3 pr.	1	
4th Battery... ..	18 pr.		2
5th Battery—General Fawke's	4 pr.	1	5
	3 pr.		2
6th Battery—Prince Frederick	32 pr.		6
	18 pr.		1
7th Battery—Mariborough's	32 pr.		5
8th Battery—Granby's	4 pr.		1
9th Battery... ..	6 pr.		3
10th Battery—Parson's Lodge	9 pr.		2
11th Battery—Between the Rocks	6 pr.		1
12th Battery—Camp	12 pr.		2
Total... ..	43	3	40

					<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Brass.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>
EUROPA.	1st Prince George's Battery	...	...	...	24 pr.		6
	2nd Battery	...	...	...	18 pr.		5
	3rd Battery - Line Wall	...	...	...	18 pr.		1
	4th Battery - Lady Louisa's	...	...	...	3 pr.	1	
	5th Battery	...	...	...	24 pr.		5
	6th Battery	...	...	...	12 pr.		1
	7th Battery	...	...	...	4 pr.		1
	8th The Point Battery	...	...	...	12 pr.		2
					12 pr.		4
					18 pr.		1
					—	—	—
	Total	...	...	...	27	1	26
EUROPA ADVANCE.	1st Battery	...	...	...	18 pr.		3
	2nd Battery	...	...	...	3 pr.	1	
	3rd Battery	...	...	...	4 pr.		1
						—	—
	Total	...	...	...	5	1	4
	The Signal House	...	...	...	6 pr.		1

ABSTRACT OF THE ABOVE DISPOSITION.

<i>Howitzers.</i>	<i>Mortars.</i>	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Brass.</i>	<i>Iron.</i>	
10 in.			2		
8 in.			10		
	13 in.			5	
	10 in.		2		
	8 in.		12		
	5½ in.		17		
	4¾ in.		26		
		32 pr.		52	
		24 pr.		57	
		18 pr.	21	64	
		16 pr.		5	
		13 pr.	17	35	
		9 pr.	3	14	
		6 pr.	4	18	
		4 pr.	2	38	
		3 pr.	6	2	
Total numbers of the different pieces	12	62	338	122	290

TOTAL NUMBER OF THE WHOLE ... 412

N.B.—The King's Bastion is to have 25 Embrasures... 25
 Montagu Bastion has ... 12
 Prince of Orange's has ... 8
 The vacant ones in different parts ... 61

Total vacant Embrasures ... 106

Every gun in the Garrison is kept constantly loaded, and has five rounds of complete ammunition ready in the several Magazines contiguous to each battery, with an addition of 30 of Round shot, and 5 of double-headed shot for those next the sea. On the King's Birthday every gun is unshotted and fired in honor of the day.

ALLOWANCE OF PROVISIONS FOR ONE MAN IN THE GARRISON
OF GIBRALTAR, FROM 7 TO 28 DAYS.

<i>Time.</i>	BREAD. lbs. oz.	BUTTER. lbs. oz.	BEEF. lbs. oz.	PORK. lbs. oz.	PEACE. gls. qts.	OATMEAL. gls. qts. pts.
For 7 days.....	7	10	2 8	1	2	1 1
For 14 "	14	1 4	5	2	1	3
For 21 "	21	1 14	7 8	3	1 2	1
For 28 "	28	2 8	10	4	2	2

The Governor is allowed 24 men's Provisions.

The Lieut. Governor 24 " "

A Colonel 7 " "

A Lieut. Colonel 4 " "

A Major 4 " "

A Captain 3 " "

A Subaltern 2 " "

RETURN OF THE POWDER FOR THE USE OF THE GARRISON.

N.B.—It is calculated that all the Magazines will hold 9,000 barrels.

	BARRELS.	
	Whole.	Half.
The Grand Magazine.....	3331	90
The Castle "	2219	
The Artillery or White Magazine ..	551	
The Old "		387
Total	6101	477

APPENDIX II.

Approximate List of Officers serving at Gibraltar
during the Siege.

STAFF.

<i>Governor</i>	—General George Augustus Eliott
<i>Lieut. Governor</i>	—Lt. General Robert Boyd
<i>Com. of Stores</i>	—Hon. Daines Barrington
<i>Chaplain to the Governor</i>	—John Chalmers
<i>Secretary to the Governor</i>	—John Raleigh
<i>Deputy Judge Advocate</i>	—Duncan Fraser
<i>Comm. of Musters</i>	—Duncan Fraser
<i>Town Major</i>	—Major Burke, who was succeeded on his death by Captain [James Horsburgh]
<i>Town Adjutant</i>	—William Kenyon
<i>Surgeon Major</i>	—Arthur Baines
<i>Surgeon's Mates</i>	{ William Hunter { Alexander Baines
<i>Hospital Mate</i>	—Robert Morris
<i>Provost Marshal</i>	—John Medlycott

MARINE BRIGADE.

(Formed on September 7th, 1782.)

Lt. Colonel	—Gibson (Post Captain)		
Major	—Bradshaw (Commander)		
Captains	{	Trantum,	of the —
		Muckle,	" <i>Porcupine</i>
		Crauford,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Taylor,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Hubbard,	" <i>Fortune</i>
		Parker,	" <i>St. Phillip's Castle</i>
		Malone,	" <i>Speedwell</i>
	{	Bradbury	" <i>Vanguard</i>
Ensigns	{	William Brown,	of the <i>Porcupine</i>
		Williams,	" <i>Porcupine</i>
		Dennis,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Lucy,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Keenan,	" <i>Fortune</i>
		Richards,	" <i>St. Phillip's Castle</i>
		Devereux,	" <i>Speedwell</i>
		Campbell,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Rosemge (sic),	" <i>Porcupine</i>
		Small,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Robert Brown,	" <i>Repulse</i>
		Tinling,	" <i>Porcupine</i>
		James Brown,	" <i>Porcupine</i>
		Edgeworth,	" <i>Brilliant</i>
		Park,	" <i>Speedwell</i>
Gill,	" <i>Brilliant</i>		
Stafford,	" <i>Brilliant</i>		
Robinson,	" <i>Brilliant</i>		
	{	Cane	" <i>St. Phillip's Castle</i>

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

(In the case of Officers whose presence does not appear to have been elsewhere recorded, the authority is given.)

RANK AS AT COMMENCEMENT OF SIEGE.

Lt. Colonel	- John Godwin (Colonel in the Army)
Lt. Colonel	- Abraham Tovey (succeeded Col. Godwin in command; died 27/11/81)
Captains	{ Griffith Williams (inventor of the high elevation gun-carriage used.)
	{ George Lewis (Major in the Army, succeeded Colonel Tovey in
	{ George Groves (wounded 13/9/82) [command]
	{ Joseph Eyre
	{ Philip Martin
Captains Lieutenant	{ Vaughan Lloyd
	{ Thomas Paterson ¹
	{ James Sowerby ²
	{ Thomas Johnson ³
	{ Alexander Shand ⁴

1. A Captain Patterson served on a Court Martial on June 16th, 1779. No Captain Patterson appears in the other Corps serving at Gibraltar, and the promotion of Captain Lieutenant Paterson, R.A., is recorded in Garrison Orders for Jan. 21st, 1780.
2. A Captain Sowerby served on Courts Martial on June 16th, June 30th, October 26th and December 3rd, 1779. No Captain Sowerby appears in the other Corps serving at Gibraltar, and the promotion of Captain Sowerby, R.A., is recorded in Garrison Orders for January 21st, 1780.
3. A Captain Johnson served on a Court Martial on August 17, 1779. No Capt. Johnson appears in the other Corps serving at Gibraltar, and the promotion of Captain Lieutenant Thomas Johnson, R.A., is recorded in Garrison Orders for January 21st, 1780.
4. A Captain Shand served on Courts Martial on February 5th, 1780, and March 16th, 1780. No Captain Shand appears in the other Corps serving at Gibraltar, and the promotion of Captain Lieutenant Alexander Shand, R.A., is recorded in Garrison Orders for May 17th, 1782.

First Lieutenants	{ George Glasgow ¹
	{ Charles Abbott ²
	{ Abraham Witham
	{ John Reeves (killed 13/9/82)
	{ Jonathan Eyre ³

1. A Lieutenant George Glasgow, R.A., was appointed as an Officer overseeing working parties in Garrison Orders for August 23rd, 1779, and the promotion of First Lieutenant George Glasgow is recorded in Garrison Orders for Jan. 21st, 1780.
2. A Captain Abbot served on Courts Martial on April 30th and August 12th, 1780. No other Captain Abbot appears in the other Corps serving at Gibraltar, and the promotion of Lieutenant Abbott, R.A., is recorded in Garrison Orders for Jan. 21st, 1780.
3. The promotion of Second Lieutenant Jonathan Eyre is recorded in Garrison Orders for January 21st, 1780; and, in Garrison Orders for December 18th, 1781, First Lieutenant Jonathan Eyre is appointed to do duty as Captain Lieutenant, "as there is reason to believe that he has been promoted."

ROYAL ARTILLERY.—*Continued.*

Second Lieutenants	J. F. S. Smith
	William Cuppage (wounded 23/82)
	Thomas Seward (wounded 13/9/82)
	Bailey Willington
	Marshall W. Burslem
	James Boag (wounded 8/9/82)
	John Burton (temporarily appointed Assistant Engineer, 23/8/79)
	Charles Wellard (died 29/8/79)
	William McKerras (posted to R.E.; Garrison Orders, 15/4/81)
	George F. Koehler (Inventor of depress gun-carriage used)
	John Godfrey (wounded 13/9/82)
	John Grumley (killed 14/10/82)
	William Skyring
	Thomas Bradbridge (arrival noted in the official diary of the
	Lodawick Hamilton (local Government, May 16th, 1782.

In addition to the above, the promotions of the following Officers are recorded in Garrison Orders, but no other record of their presence has so far been noted. It may be observed however that nearly all those promotions, which are locally recorded on January 21st, 1780, are part of a very large batch of promotions in the Corps, gazetted for July 7th, 1779, and there would not seem to be any good reason for selecting some of the batch to record locally, unless the Officers were serving in Gibraltar.

Francis Whitworth, promotion in Garrison Orders 16/4/83

George Glasgow, " " 21/1/80

(Not the Officer referred to above, but Second Lieutenant George Glasgow)

John Wilks, promotion in Garrison Orders 21/1/80

John Harding, " " "

John Arbuthnot, " " "

John Rogers, " " "

Samuel Cockraft, " " 16/4/83

Henry Ibbott, " " "

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

RANK AS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF SIEGE.

Lt. Colonel, and Chief Engineer	—William Green (Colonel in the Army)
Captain, and Engineer in Ordinary	—John Phipps
Captain Lt., and Captain Engineer Extra	—John Eveleigh (A.D.C. to the Governor)
Lieutenants, Sub Engineers	{ William Booth { William Campbell Skinner
Second Lieutenants, Practitioner Engineers	{ Thomas Skinner { William Johnston { John Johnson { Charles Holloway (A.D.C. to General Green, { Lewis Hay "wounded 4/1 84" { William McKerras

On August 23rd, 1779, the following gentlemen were temporarily appointed to be Assistant Engineers:—

Lieutenant Burton, R.A.

Lieutenant Schantz, of Hardenburg's.

Lieutenant Chambre, of the 56th Regt.

Mr. James Evans (draughtsman to the Chief Engineer, wounded Oct. 20th, 1781)

Mr. David Tinling (draughtsman to the Chief Engineer, wounded Nov. 16th, 1781)

And on October 14th, 1781:—

Lieutenant Koehler, R.A.

Lieutenant Alt, 72nd Regt.

XIIth FOOT.

Colonel	—William Picton
Lt. Colonel	—Thomas Trigge
Major	—William Barlow
Captains	—Henry Ormsby John Kay Samuel Montgomery Joseph Collins John Perryn John Spilsbury (the Author) Charles Cottrell Richard Turberville Picton (?) Thomas Adains (Bt. Lt. Colonel)
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—Christ. Ludwig Forch (A.D.C. to the Governor)
Lieutenants	—Thomas Bate Charles Hastings John Chalmers James Lowe (lost his leg by a shot May 9th, 1781) John Byron ? John Perryn Robert Adair George Bembrick Harry Lee Alexander Graham Thomas Hitchbone —— Whetham (killed April 10th, 1782) Prestly Thornton (wounded May 11th, 1781)
Ensigns	—Frederick Draught Odium Adam Tweedie (wounded in the sortie November 27th, 1781) Alexander Munroe William Sandby Edward Jones James Allen Knyvet Wilson Thomas Craigie Alexander Legirtwood —— Smith
Chaplain	—Robert English
Adjutant	—Thomas Hitchbone
Quarter Master	—Robert Smith
Surgeon	—David McNair

XXVth REGIMENT.

Arrived 18th October, 1782.

Lt. Colonel	Alexander Rieghy Colonel in the Army
Major	James Elliot Lt. Colonel in the Army
Captains	Thomas Edgar Major in the Army William Price William St. Clair Charles Smith Patrick Browne Henry John Kearney John Williamson
Captain Lieut. and Captain	H. A. Wright
Lieutenants	—James Berry David Sutherland George Smith Robert Berney W. Berry Wake John Chennery William Bain Thomlinson Busby David Johnstone John Ross Edward John Glynn
Ensigns	—William Briggs Francis Small Mytton John Lindsay George Cummings John Dickson Lindsay Crawford Campbell Adam Davie James Mollineux
Chaplain	—Richard Ford
Adjutant	—John Ross
Quarter Master	—Andrew Cooke
Surgeon	—James Thompson (died Nov. 2nd, 1783)

XXXIXth REGIMENT.

Colonel	—Robert Boyd (Lt. General in the Army; Lt. Governor)
Lt. Colonel	—Charles Ross (Colonel in the Army)
Major	—William Kellett
Captains	—Richard Baugh John Mercier John Vignoles Daniel Vaughan James Horsburgh (Adjutant General) William Cairns Hugh Tuite William Wilson (A.D.C. to General Boyd) John Freke (Major in the Army)
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—Thomas Clarke
Lieutenants	—William Wray Richard Amphlett Thomas Dacre Charles Burleigh (Commander of the Corps of Marksman) Richard Henry Buckeridge (A.D.C. to General Boyd) Robert Johnstone John Gordon Robert Johnson Stephen Buckle William Hamilton James Cuninghame (died of his wounds May 7th, 1781) David Morgan Thomas Inglis
Ensigns	—George Wathen John McQueen —Stevens (killed Oct. 8th, 1781) George Bell Phipps Gerard Thomas Hislop D. Dulany Addison William Purdie Hon. George Conway —Martin
Chaplain	—John Morgan
Adjutant	—Robert Johnstone
Quarter Master	—Richard Amphlett
Surgeon	—Thomas Irwin

LVIII. REGIMENT.

Lt. Colonel	—Peter Craig
Major	—Bulleine Fancourt
Captains	—John Hardy (Major in the Army; Quarter Master General) Henry Hamilton Samuel Moore Henry Lefanu John Hallowes (Major in the Army) Rice Price Charles Vallotton (A.D.C. to the Governor) John Pigot James Barker (Major in the Army) Wyndham Quin
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—John Cassan
Lieutenants	—James Barrington Nathaniel Cooke James Millard Meredith Chambre Thomas Nixon Thomas Jackson Cocking Robert Clarke (died of consumption 26th September, 1781) Edward Vicars (wounded in the lines October 26th, 1781) Samuel Wood (Assistant Town Major) Charles Roberts John Chapman Frederick Page Richard White (wounded 16th March, 1782)
Ensigns	—Edward John Fancourt George Johnston Benjamin Johnston — Gyllett Edward Frederick — Bradshaw Richard Edgar (wounded 5th Nov. 1781) John Cuninghame Francis Craig Edward Harling Francis Keith
Chaplain	—Charles O'Neil
Adjutant	—James Millard
Quarter Master	—Meredith Chambre
Surgeon	—Thomas Chisholm (wounded in head, one foot taken off, and the other leg broken, in a casemate of King's Bastion, 15th April, 1871)
Surgeon's Mate	—William Fleming

LVIIIth REGIMENT.

Lt. Colonel	—Gavin Cochrane
Major	—William King
Captains	—James Dawson (Major in the Army) Arthur Browne William McMyne Alexander Duff Robert Uniacke Gregor Grant Robert Agnew Edward Burke (Town Major, killed 19th September, 1781) John Wood
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—Hon. W. De Courcy
Lieutenants	—Thomas Woods Charles Casey William Cuninghame Albert Gledstones — Williamson Arthur Whetham Thomas Humphrey Lowe Arthur Forrest Charles Southby William Fenton Caesar Morrison Robert Douglas Henry Addison
Ensigns	—Percival Meggs — Rice George Gregory John Baugh John Exham Hemmings — McAdam Thomas Kirwan William Browne Robert Tarrant Edward Baker Littlehales William Gordon (wounded 8th September, 1782)
Chaplain	—Edward Mason
Adjutant	—William Cuninghame
Quarter Master	— Halfpenny
Surgeon	—Hill Mills

LIXth REGIMENT.

(Arrived 18th October, 1782.)

Lt. Colonel	—George Gray
Major	—Thomas Hewetson
Captains	—Walter Haynes Thomas Wilson Den. Mil. Woodward William Brown (Lt. Col. in the Army) David Leslie Robert Codd Zachary Bailey
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—William McLeod
Lieutenants	—George Darby John Wemyss James Alexander Colvill — Potheary John Bevan Patrick Blair — Vassell — Way Robert Kirkland — Livingstone Josiah Neville
Ensigns	—Moore O'Meara J. George Hurley H. Blundell Atherton John Gartside John Brown Clement Archer Nicholas Burnett
Chaplain	—Thomas O'Meara
Adjutant	—John Gartside
Quarter Master	— — Rea
Surgeon	—Robert Morris

LXXIInd REGIMENT.

ROYAL MANCHESTER VOLUNTEERS.

Colonel	—Charles Mawhood (died August 29th, 1780)
Lieut. Colonel	—George Gledstanes.
Major	—Christopher Horsfall (wounded September 26th, 1782).
Captains	—Roger Aytoun. John Wilson. William Clowes. Peter Delhoste (Town-Major Sept. 21st, 1782). Ibbetson Hamar William Billinge John Nangreave
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—Robert Tipping
Lieutenants	—Robert Home Augustus Alt Thomas Wilson Arthur Harris Josias Taylor Charlton Parr George Graeme Thomas Galpine Evan Jones Richard Broome Henry Upton Thomas Taylor Richard Ward Offley William Gordon William Reeves Joseph Budworth (wounded in King's Bastion April 18th 1781.) Edward Bridgeway John Allen John Burvill John Rolls John Drinkwater (the historian of the Siege)
Ensign	—Thomas Barstow Hewan Thomas Ranicar Robert Bill John Upton Bernard Macnamara (wounded Sept. 15th, 1782) Charles Wilson Richard Harris
Chaplain	—Thomas Foxley
Adjutant	—William Reeves
Quarter Master	—John Allen
Surgeon	—Joseph Sutton

LXXIIIrd (HIGHLAND) REGIMENT (2ND BATTALION).

(Who joined the Garrison on January 29, 1780.)

Lt. Colonel	—George Mackenzie
Majors	—Hamilton Maxwell Norman Macleod
Captains	—Hon. Colin Lindsay John Mackintosh James Foulis (wounded 8th May, 1781. Appointed Town Major on Major Burke's death. Afterwards A.D.C. to the Governor) Robert Sinclair Stair Park Dalrymple David Ross Adam Colt
Lieutenants	—Norman Maclean John Irving Roderick Mackenzie, Senr. (Capt. Mackenzie wounded Sept. 13th, 1782) Charles Douglas Angus Mackintosh John Fraser (lost his leg 5th Nov. 1781) Robert Arbuthnot David MacCulloch Roderick Mackenzie, Jr. Phineas Mackintosh John Mackenzie, Senr. (Lieut. John Mackenzie's leg was broken by a splinter from a shell on 23rd November, 1782. But whether Senior or Junior does not appear) Alexander Mackenzie (wounded 13th September, 1782) Phipps Wharton (wounded 9th September, 1782) Laughlan MacLaughlan Kenneth Mackenzie (wounded 4th October, 1782) Murdoch Mackenzie George Fraser John Mackenzie, Jr. Martin Eccles Lindsay (Consent given by the Governor on Dec. 22d, 1781, to his marriage to Miss Tovey, apparently daughter of Lt. Colonel Tovey, R.A., who had died November 27th, 1781) John Dallas David Ross William Erskine
Ensigns	—John Fraser John Macdougall Hugh Gray John Mackenzie John Forbes Aeneas Fraser William Rose Richard Gratton — Innes
Chaplain	—Aeneas Macleod
Adjutant	— — —
Quarter Master	—Charles Clark
Surgeon	—Andrew Cairncross

XCVIth REGIMENT.

(Who joined the Garrison March 23rd, 1782.)

Colonel	—William Stanton (Brigadier General April 16th, 1782; died from sunstroke 2/6/1782.
Lt. Colonel	—William Macintosh
Major	—Joseph Dussaux
Captains	—William Showbridge Ronald Hamilton Alexander Campbell Alexander Malcolm H. Staniford Blankley (Brigade Major April 6th, 1782) Frederick Falkiner Nassau Smith
Captain Lieut. and Captain	—Robert Wallace
Lieutenants	—Thomas Spooner Robert Wilson Charles Wale Edward Nightingale Hugh Watson Thomas Hardyman Alexander Ramsay Charles Peat Alexander Richardson
Ensigns	—John Mason Charles Lewis Philpot Wolfe Henry Showbridge George Gibbs Thomas Thompson Charles McVicar George Allenson
Chaplain	—William Harrison
Adjutant	—James Downs
Quarter Master	—George Rumbold (died June 19th, 1783)
Surgeon	—James Harbroe.

THE HANOVERIAN BRIGADE.

(Those names that can be collected from the Garrison Orders.)

DE LA MOTTE'S.

Major General	—De La Motte
Lt. Colonel	—Schlippegill
Major	—Lüder
Captains	—Sweenwede Burgerat
Lieutenants	—Lueder Heinbrück La Porte Wense Behr
Ensigns	—Belleville Gerig
Surgeon	—Ketler

HARDENBURG'S, AFTERWARDS SYDOW'S.

Lt. Colonel	—Hugo
Major	—Steinmann
Captains	—Strucker Leuder Blume
Lieutenants	—Bulow Klenke Schantz
Ensigns	—Berger Osterkamp

REDEN'S.

Lt. Colonel	—Dachnhausen
Major	—Issendorf
Captains	—Roth Uchritz Hedemann Wideburg Lutzow
Lieutenant	—Weinschenke Uster Rauchavpt Drieburg Schiedemann
Ensigns	—Bruckmann Pacht Grahm
Surgeon's Mate	—David Fritsch

THE CORSICAN COMPANY.

Captain	—Antonio Leonetti
Captain Lieut.	—Philippo Massaria
First Lieut.	—Georgio Alexandro Meclili
Lieut. & Adjt.	—Leonardo Monti
Second Lieut.	—Angelo Raffaeli
Chaplain	—Luigi Cotie

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